



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary School

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Dear Sacred Hearts Families,

My name is Jackie Kleiber, and I am a second grade teacher here at Sacred Hearts. This past summer my dog, Louie, and I spent the summer learning to become a therapy dog team. Louie is a registered K9 good citizen and completed the therapy dog training class. My wish is to bring Louie, my black lab/dachshund mix, to school one day a week to “work” with Mrs. Lipinski and the students at Sacred Hearts.

Louie’s job is to provide a positive connection with students who may have reservations about coming to school or to those who would otherwise benefit from interacting with him. My goal is that the benefits would carry over into the classroom. I assure you that Louie is a very well trained pup. He has taken many obedience classes in the past and continues to work on building those skills. Louie has been around children of all ages. He loves to sit, shake, lay down and get all the love and attention a child can give! Children love to come up to Louie and interact with him.

Dogs in the classroom have been used to calm fears, relieve anxiety for students, and teach students new skills (Educationworld, 2015). The Reading Education Assistance Dogs article states that working with dogs, reading to them and engaging with them can help build self-esteem, communication skills, social skills, and provide a confidence boost for some students.

During Louie’s visits, he would remain with me or Mrs. Lipinski. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jackie.kleiber@shjms.org or (608)837-8508 ext. 105.

If you DO NOT wish for your student to participate and interact with Louie, please mark and sign the bottom of this form and return to school by **Thursday, September 2, 2021**.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jackie Kleiber
2nd Grade Teacher

 I DO NOT want my child to participate in the above discussed activity.

Please Print Student’s Name _____

Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____