

Dear CBSD parent,

My name is Jen Shelly. I am an Associate Professor at Del Val University and proud mother of Samantha Shelly in Mrs. Flanagan's 2nd grade and Bennett Shelly at Mrs. Menard's Kindergarten class at Gayman. I also serve on the Board for this truly wonderful non-profit organization that we all know and love, Roxy! I am writing to you as my students and I are conducting a research study on the effects of animal-assisted therapy on these lovable working dogs.

Studies have shown, time and time again, that when a child reads to a dog, the child's reading fluency increases dramatically and his/her confidence soars! These wonderful dogs provide safe, non-judgmental, loving environments in which our children thrive. I can personally attest to how much these sessions in Mrs. Trout's first grade class with Taco, truly improved Sam's confidence and fluency!

Our particular research study looks at the effects of these interactions on the dogs themselves. Our preliminary data shows that they get as much out of it as our children, as they are often found cuddled up or asleep on their laps as the children read to them. In order to evaluate the benefits of these sessions more accurately, we would like to take **short 5 minute videos of the dog** interacting with your children during these sessions. These videos would help us accurately assess the dogs' behavior and would therefore be mainly **focused on the dogs.**

Please check the box indicating whether you would allow for us to video the dogs interacting with your child (or children.) If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at jennifer.shelly@delval.edu.

Thank you so much for your time!

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Please fill out the information below and return to your classroom teacher:

I _____ (your name), the parent/guardian of the following child
(children):

do give permission for my child (or children) to be in the video.

do NOT give permission for my child (or children) to be in the video.