

September 12, 2007

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s);

I am your child's 8th grade science teacher this semester, Ms. Kelly Castillo. I am pleased to inform you that this year is off to a great start. It has been a pleasure to get to know each and everyone one of our students.

As a student myself, I would like the assistance and input of your family this semester. I am currently working to complete my Masters' in Science Education at California State University, Northridge. The final component of this program involves a research project.

I would like your permission to use data and samples from your student's work in my project. Students' names will not be included in the study, and no identifying information will be available. Additionally, I would like a few students to volunteer to provide written and oral information through interviews and videotaping. If you would like your student to participate in any segment of this research, please sign and return the form below. Should you and your student elect not to participate, please check the appropriate box and return the form with your student.

Participation in this study is optional, and will have no effect on your student's grade or academic performance. Your student's participation will, however, help us to develop effective and exciting new curriculum.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email:
KCastillo@ausd.net

Thank you for your time and assistance,

Ms. Kelly Castillo

Student Name: _____ Period: _____

My student's data and work samples may be used anonymously. ☐ YES ☐ NO

My student may be interviewed for the purpose of this study. ☐ YES ☐ NO

My student may be videotaped in the classroom. ☐ YES ☐ NO
(Please note that this film will not be seen by anyone except the teacher.)

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____