

Parents Please Read

Science Reproduction Unit Letter

Dear Parents,

As part of our study in human biology, heredity and genetics in our 7/8 grade science class, students are studying the systems of the body, including the reproductive system.

There are three reasons I send this note home to parents:

- 1) Parents have a chance to communicate with me if they have any concerns.
- 2) Parents have a chance to speak with their child if they choose to before the unit.
- 3) Parents will be aware of the unit if their child comes home with questions that were not answered in class.

The goal of this unit is to teach about the structures and functions of the human body. This is a life science course, not health or medicine. The main focus is to discuss:

- The structures of the male and female anatomy
- The process of sperm and egg development
- The development of a human being from a fertilized egg
- The social, emotional and physical changes in the human body from infancy to adulthood
- An overview of sexually transmitted diseases
- Students may watch portions of the NOVA episode, *The Miracle of Life*

I discuss with students the need for sensitivity and maturity in our discussions. I give students the opportunity to write down questions and place them in a box in my room if they want to ask a question anonymously. I answer questions related to the subjects above. Other questions I tend to refer back to parents/physicians, since our main goal is to teach *life science* related to the human body.

Please sign below to let me know that you saw the reproduction unit letter. Return the bottom portion to Mr. Markow. Thank you.

Parent Signature: _____ Student: _____