

Dear PS 39 Families,

You may have heard by now that Room 302 has a new resident – Marshmallow the rabbit! Marshmallow is a good natured little fellow who feels right at home living in school and I’m so happy to share him with the children of PS 39!

In addition to being an adorable addition to our school family, animals play an important role in our science classroom. By observing, interacting with, and caring for animals students learn to:

- understand that living things are different but share similar structures
- understand the basic needs of living things
- understand the ways that plants and animals live in different habitats
- understand that animals eat plants or other animals to acquire the energy they need for survival
- understand that changes in the habitat of an organism may be beneficial or harmful
- understand that data are collected and interpreted in order to explain an event or concept

In our science classroom students will be instructed in the proper care and handling of rabbits and will be given the opportunity to assist in the care and handling of our class pet. In order for your child to do so she/he will need your consent. Please complete and sign the form below to give permission for your child to hold and care for Marshmallow. When making your decision with your child, please remember that our pet has a mouth and claws as many animals do and can bite or scratch. I would also appreciate it if you could inform me if your child is allergic to rabbits so that I may seat her/him in an area of the room to accommodate for that.

I’m also looking for some family volunteers who would be interested in allowing Marshmallow to stay with them for a long weekend or holiday break. I’m looking forward to having your children spend time caring for and loving Marshmallow this school year!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email – [slong@ps39.org](mailto:slong@ps39.org).

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Long ☺

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\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to **handle and care** for Marshmallow. I understand that an animal that has a mouth and claws can bite or scratch.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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We are interested in caring for Marshmallow for a **long weekend or holiday**.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_