

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Dear parents and guardians,

Our class will soon be starting a unit on homelessness. My goal is to introduce students to a difficult problem in our society, help them talk about it and understand it at a level appropriate for their age and development, and then, as a class, take action to do something positive and helpful.

Some of the information and stories we look at in class may raise questions and concerns that you will hear about at home. I encourage you to ask your child about our work on this topic and encourage him or her to talk with you about it. If anything comes up that is troubling, please let me know.

It is my intention to focus on the positives: looking at a serious issue, trying to understand it, and doing something about it. If you would like to be involved in this project, please let me know. I welcome your input and support.

Finally, as we all know, need and homelessness are everywhere. If you or someone close to you is experiencing difficulties that threaten your family's stability and security, please feel free to talk with me about it. Our conversation will be confidential and I will try to put you in touch with people who can help.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions about this upcoming project.

Sincerely,

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