



**2017-2018**

**Dear REACH Parents:**

We are very excited to introduce pet therapy to our students. Animal assisted therapy uses trained animals and handlers to achieve social, emotional and physical benefits. Pets & People Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1985. They offer pet-assisted therapy to residents of nursing homes, assisted living homes, special needs facilities, halfway houses, children's facilities, senior day care centers and the patients of various hospitals. Both owner and dog are bonded and fully insured. Please refer to their website for more information:

<http://www.petsandpeoplefoundation.org/petsandpeoplefoundation/Welcome.html>

Walter is a certified pet therapy dog who will be coming to the REACH classroom for 45 minute visits every week. We will have Walter work with the classroom staff and therapists to help enhance communication, motor and behavioral skills. The possibilities are endless!



To have your child participate in this program, please sign the following consent:

I consent to have my child participate in a pet therapy program being sponsored by Pets & People Foundation. The activities in the pet therapy program will be supervised at all times by AVC staff.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Signature : Date:

