**Real Care Baby Simulator Experience**

Date: March 6, 2018

**Exploring Life Skills Relationships & Child Care – Module 5**

**(Early Child Care and Education)**

Dear parents/guardians and family:

Your son/daughter will soon experience many of the responsibilities as the babysitter of an infant.

As a temporary parent (babysitter), your son/daughter will care for a computerized infant simulator that must

be supervised by your son/daughter at all times. Baby will cry and need to be fed, burped, rocked,

and have its diapers changed. It is your son/daughter’s responsibility to tend to Baby’s needs. Baby

is part of the RealCare® Program.

A small computer inside Baby is programmed to follow actual schedules of 15 different infants.

 Baby may need your son/daughter to care for it at inconvenient times, including when they are sleeping.

**Lack of sleep may cause your son/daughter to become drowsy the next school day.**

Your son/daughter will be graded on learning how to keep Baby happy, their understanding of the

full-time commitment of child care, their persistence (getting through the simulation without quitting),

the care and condition of Baby and supplies, and returning everything to school on time. Incidences

of neglect, head support failure, shaking, rough handling, wrong position, no diaper, and

other functions are recorded by Baby’s computer and lower your son/daughter’s grade. Some of

these behaviors will produce intense crying that your son/daughter should learn to avoid. This intense

crying can be stopped by rocking Baby.

Your son/daughter will wear a waterproof, hospital-type wristband with a unique ID that must be

present whenever your son/daughter is caring for Baby. Without the ID, Baby will not accept care. The

wristband must be in good condition and still on your son/daughter’s wrist when Baby is returned.

You can help by providing emotional support and treating Baby as if it were real. Offer advice, but

your child should do the actual work of caring for Baby.

The Realityworks infant simulators are school property. If Baby is abused, damaged, or lost while in

your son/daughter’s care, you may be held responsible for repair or replacement costs of up to $1,000.

Other charges may be assessed for damaged or missing accessories. (diapers = $20) (outfits = $20) (bottle = $15)

I will give students the possible dates for the simulation, and your son/daughter will need you to

help him or her choose the most convenient date offered. I will post those dates and your

son/daughter may sign up for one when he or she returns the attached sheet with your signature.

**Simulations will begin next week. For our middle school students the Real Care Baby Simulations are a 1 time experience from 3pm-7am . They will pick up the Baby from my classroom at 3pm and RETURN it the NEXT MORNING by 8:15am. They will be given a copy of their simulation report when they come to class that day.**

**The simulation report is for a test grade. They must complete the journal and log and turn those documents in with the Baby the morning they return the Baby. These documents are also graded.**

 **If you choose NOT to let your student be involved in this experience they will receive an alternative assignment.**

**The alternative assignment will involve 16 hours of work, ( reading 8 articles, a typed summary of each, interviewing child care providers and typing up a final paper) as the Baby simulation is a 16 hour experience.**

Thank you for your patience and support in making this project a learning experience for your son/daughter!

**Mrs. Creech (****bwcreech@wpcss.net** **)**

Having read all of the above, I agree to allow (student’s name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Real Care Baby Experience.

Parent/Guardian Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the best 3 nights of the week (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur or Fri ) for this assignment for your student:

Students will only complete this assignment on 1 of the best 3 nights you have written below.

(Thur 3/8, Mon 3/12, Tue 3/13, Wed 3/14, Thur 3/15, Fri 3/16, Mon 3/19, Tue 3/20, Wed 3/21, Thur 3/22, Mon 3/26, Tue 3/27)

Choice night #1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Choice night #2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Choice night #3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information about a night they can or cannot be assigned the real care baby. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student phone number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE note that if your child is sick the next day and CAN NOT make it to school, the Real Care Baby MUST come back to school the next morning by 8:15am as it is scheduled to go out with another student.**

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No, I do not wish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Real Care Baby Experience. I understand that if I do not allow my son or daughter to participate in this project, they must complete an alternative assignment that would take them 16 hours to complete (the amount of time they would have be responsible for the Real Care Baby)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_