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Dear Parents,

This letter will serve as an introduction to your son or daughters Geology class. In this class your student will be exposed to a variety of aspects pertaining to the field of geology. Some of the topics include: deserts, glaciers, sedimentary rocks, minerals, volcanoes, metamorphic rocks, groundwater, etc. This is an upper level science class and it is expected that your son or daughter is willing to participate and work hard in this class.

In the class the students will get to participate in several fieldtrips. Some of these field trips include the hogbacks, Red Canyon Park, Garden Park and Tunnel Drive. You should expect your student to be leaving the school to participate in these activities. Before they can leave school grounds you will need to sign the attached parent permission slip and have your student return it to me.

In this class I use a variety of activities to supplement the students learning. Some of these activities include: labs, fieldtrips, projects, worksheets, a notebook, readings and notes. The students are required to keep a notebook, which contains their work for each chapter. Please ask your student to see their notebook if you have any questions about the activities from class. There are three large projects in during the semester. The first is a research paper on a national park. The second is a poster presentation on a national park. The third is a documentary video of some geologic process of their choice. After every test your students will receive a grade report. If you sign this report and have your student return it to me, they will receive three points of extra credit. Tests are given at the end of each chapter approximately every 1-2 weeks.

If you ever have questions regarding your student or their progress, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email. I look forward to working with your student this semester.

Sincerely,

Brian Vanlwarden