

Hello,

Your child's teacher has asked that I visit your child's classroom soon for a science outreach visit. I'll be showing the students samples such as bugs, pollen, and clothing fibers in a special, high resolution microscope. The purpose of the visit is to help the students conceptualize length scales and introduce them to cutting edge nanoscience.

This outreach project is funded by the NC Space Grant, and I need to provide the funding agency with reports of learning outcomes. I will therefore be administering an anonymous test before and after the activity. This test is solely to assess scientific knowledge and attitudes about science and asks for no personal information. Performance before and after the activity will be assessed as a class and not on an individual basis.

Your child will have the option to assent to having their data used for research and evaluation purposes. **Your child/children are free to withdraw at any time from the study without consequence.** If you would not like your child to have their data provided as part of this collaborative study, please contact me via phone at 828-262-2437 or via email at coffeyts@appstate.edu prior to my visit.

Thank you,

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