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Team Vista teachers feel strongly that the best way for students to achieve educationally and fulfill their true potential is through a strong partnership between parents and students. We believe that parenting is the most important and most difficult job in the world. Students depend on mutual support between teachers and parents in order to succeed.

This document confirms our understanding that:

______ (parent/guardian's name, please print) wishes to join and support the Team Vista Teachers in assisting his or her child in all programs and activities during the 2011-2012 school year.

______ (student's name, please print) pledges to fully participate and work to the best of my ability in the Vista program and to try and reach my full potential.

We realize that our responsibilities as a parent/guardian or a student on Team Vista include, but are not limited to:

<u>Reviewing Grades and Assignments Weekly on PowerSchool</u>- Each week, students and parents are asked to review grades, assignments, and comments posted by teachers on PowerSchool. You can reach the portal by going to Mr. Viens's blog:

http://ajviens.edublogs.org

<u>Preparedness</u> - The team teachers provide students with a very specific list of the necessary school supplies with the understanding that parents will purchase the supplies for their student so that the student is properly prepared for class. Parents and guardians may need to refurbish these supplies at some point in the school year. It is up to the student to come to class each day with the proper materials and to take care of them and keep them organized, especially notebooks and in their lockers.

<u>**Outdoor Education**</u> - The time spent outdoors, both on and off campus, is an important part of the educational program on Vista. The Vista teachers rely on parents and guardians to support these outdoor activities. Parents or guardians must make sure their children come to school with

the right outdoor equipment and clothing that includes but is not limited to a backpack, seamsealed rain gear, hiking boots and over the ankle socks, and require that their children participate in Friday nature observations and hikes, the fall overnight, and the spring trip to the White Mountains and other outdoor trips. If a child cannot participate in any outdoor activity, they should not come to school that day. All students agree to come prepared for these activities and participate, act appropriately, and cooperate to the best of their ability.

Nightly Reading for Reading Workshop – All students, parents, or guardians received our summer letter detailing the importance of daily reading. Vista students are expected to read an average of 30 minutes a day and at least 20 pages, seven days a week for a minimum of 210 minutes each week. We truly believe:

There is no more important homework than reading.

By signing this document, students, parents, and teachers are knowingly entering into an agreement to support the tenants of the Team Vista program, which are outlined above. We are forming a partnership of mutual support and respect in order to further the achievement of all students and help them to enjoy an extraordinary middle school experience.

Student's Signature/Basecamp

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Date

Team Leader Team Vista and Social Studies and Reading Workshops

Arthur J. Viens Jr. Team Vista Teachers, Erin Doiron, Lynn Peterson, Bert Ramsay, and Mercedes Warren

PLEASE RETURN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TO YOUR ADVISOR.