

Letter to Participant's Family

Dear parents/guardians and family:

Your student will soon experience many of the responsibilities required of a new infant's caregiver. As a temporary caregiver, your student will care for RealCare Baby, a computerized infant simulator that must be supervised by your student at all times. Baby will cry and need to be fed, burped, rocked, played with, and have its diapers changed. It is your student's responsibility to tend to Baby's needs.

A small computer inside Baby is programmed to follow actual schedules of different newborns. Each day, Baby will be on a different schedule. Baby may need your student to care for it at inconvenient times, including when they are sleeping. Your student will be graded on learning how to keep Baby happy, their understanding of the full-time commitment of childcare, their persistence (getting through the care 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 will lower your student's grade. Some of these behaviors will produce intense crying that your student should learn to avoid. This intense crying can be stopped by rocking Baby.

Your student will wear a waterproof wristband with a unique ID that must be present whenever your student cares for Baby. Without the ID, Baby will not accept care. The wristband must be in good condition and still on your student'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 student should do the actual work of caring for Baby.

The RealCare® Baby infant simulator uses computerized technology and represents a substantial investment by the sponsoring school or organization. If the RealCare Baby is abused, damaged, or lost while in my student's possession, I agree to reimburse:

_____ up to \$ _____.
Organization name

Other charges may be assessed for damaged or missing accessories.

Lack of sleep may cause your student to become drowsy. Please do not allow your student to drive if overly tired. Instruct your student to pull over and care for Baby if it cries while they are driving.

Your student is scheduled to take the RealCare Baby® infant simulator home starting _____ and ending _____. For schedule conflicts, please contact the instructor.

Thank you for your patience and support in making this project a learning experience for your student!

RealCare Baby is a product of Realityworks, a company that specializes in interactive, science-based technology. Realityworks helps educators worldwide deliver unforgettable learning experiences that promote healthy choices and quality of life.

