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To Whom It May Concern:

Our community has been given a tremendous opportunity. We are in the process of creating a life skills school program cooperative with the Winlock School District, to be housed at Toledo Middle School. This program will encompass students, grades 5 through age 21, with disabilities that significantly impact their independence and academic performance. The program will focus on all academic areas, technology, art, communication, community involvement, transition, and life skills/skills of independence.

Another important part of this program is the goal to have each student feel a sense of belonging: to a peer group, school, and community. Research shows that students excel when they are given the opportunity to work alongside and peer model the positive behavior of others. This program will give students with severe disabilities this opportunity. As a result, their anxiety will be reduced and their academic and social skills excel. During the 2013-2014 school year, this program will begin by housing 10 students from the Toledo/Winlock area. In the future we expect the program to grow in function, students size, and staff involvement.

The Life Skills cooperative program is a wonderful opportunity and an integral link between students in the Toledo/Winlock community. As we are working with a primarily blank slate, we are looking for many different furnishings and materials that can make our life skills building feel "homey," academic, fun, and safe. Below is a list of needed items:

Furnishings

Desks, Tables, Throw rugs, Lamps, Posters, Bookshelves, Bins, Carts, Shelves
Anything that can "warm" up a room

Life Skills

Washer/Dryer, Sink, Dishwasher, Fridge, Couch, Table, Chairs, Oven, Stove, Toaster, Kitchenware, Cookware, Bakeware, Utensils, Budget for shopping and cooking
Self-Care: mirrors, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, towels, washcloths, Clothing, Dressers, Hangers, Hanging Rack, Folding Table, Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets, Laundry baskets/hampers, Broom, Vacuum, More shelving in order to work on categorizing items in a sort of stocking manner, Bedding

Academics

Math activities, curriculum, and games
Reading activities, curriculum, and games
Writing activities, curriculum, and games
Science Activities

BOOKS

Gross Motor

Trampoline, Exercise balls (all colors and sizes), Scooters, Trikes, Treadmill, Stationary Bike, Swing hardware for hanging for at least 2 swings preferably, Floor Mats, Colored Floor Tape (to make roads, hopscotch, and/or other gross motor visuals, Colored Chalk, Spray Paint, sporting equipment

Technology

3 student computer workstations, Academic programs
Stereo
TV, DVD Player
*IPads + apps
Proloquo

Art Supplies

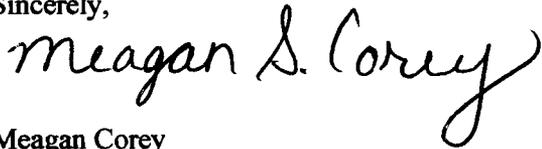
Different types of papers, Crayons, Pencils, Markers, Pens, Colored pencils, Glue, Scissors, Craft supplies, Rolls of paper, Paint/brushes, Coloring books, Beads, Thread

Choice/Self-Calming

Play-doh, Gak, Weighted vests, Large weight bands, Medicine balls, Books, Couch, Beanbags, Chairs, Pillows, Blankets

All donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan S. Corey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'C' at the end.

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