



Genetics & Aging Project

Take Home Activity
Family Traits Survey

Dear Parents:

Thank you for taking the time to help your child gather the intergenerational photographs. I appreciate the time you took to help your child prepare for our project.

We have been enjoying reviewing the photographs and are amazed at some of the family resemblances they have already revealed! The children seem to be enjoying sharing their pictures with each other and we have begun discussing inherited traits in the classroom.

I am asking for your help with the attached worksheet. Please spend some time with your child reviewing the inherited traits on the worksheet and filling in the answers for as many family members as possible (and convenient for you.) I have prepared a "pic-tionary" of the traits on the worksheet to help you and your child identify the traits, which is also attached to this letter.

You will notice that there are two blank rows at the end of the chart. I would like the children to begin looking for inherited traits that are not included on the chart. Examples would be: eye color, shape of face, hair (color, curly, straight), facial features, etc. Please help your child to "brainstorm" for some additional traits that your family members may share. Feel free to write on the back of the chart if necessary!

After we have discussed the results of our survey we will use the data collected for a variety of activities such as graphing, etc.

Again, thank you for your continued support. Please return the completed chart by: _____.

Sincerely,