

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Over the course of this lesson, I have been showing students how to sculpt using an oven-bake clay called polymer clay. Before we can begin the next step of painting our sculptures, the clay will need to be baked.

For this, students must bring the clay into school by **Thursday, March 4th**, so that I can bake it and return it to them. Please have them bring in their sculptures in a small box or tupperware container, so that it doesn't get squashed in their backpacks.

If you would prefer to bake it at home, please sign the permission slip below and return no later than **Thursday, March 4th**. I will include the baking instructions below.

Baking Instructions for Polymer Clay

- You only need a toaster oven or household oven to bake your creation.
- Place it on a piece of aluminum foil and a baking sheet and put into the oven at **275 degrees Fahrenheit for 10-15 minutes.**
- **BAKING TIME VARIES WITH THE THICKNESS OF YOUR CREATION.** If there are a lot of thin pieces (like the arms or tail), you will want to keep it closer to 10 minutes.
- To check and make sure your clay is completely baked, wait until it cools. Give it a press with a toothpick. If it makes a mark, put it in for another 5 minutes.

Thank you!

Ms. Keane
Art Teacher

By signing this slip, I agree that I have read all of the instructions above.

_____ Yes, I will have the polymer clay baked at home. I have read the instructions and agree to be present for the duration of the baking process.

_____ No, I will not bake the polymer clay at home. I have read the instructions and will be sending the clay in by no later than Thursday, March 4th.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____