Dear Students and Families,

We are thrilled to welcome you to our Sugar Land Middle School Crochet Club! Whether you're a seasoned crocheter or just beginning to explore this creative and relaxing craft, we're excited to have you join us for a fun and inspiring journey.

# What to Expect:

Our club is a place where creativity meets camaraderie. Over the course of the school year, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Learn and Grow: Whether you're picking up a hook for the first time or looking to refine your skills, our experienced members and mentors are here to help. We'll cover everything from basic stitches to advanced techniques.
- Create Beautiful Projects: From cozy scarves and colorful blankets to fun accessories and gifts, we'll work on a variety of projects that will allow you to express your creativity and build your crochet skills.
- **Connect with Peers:** Our club is a fantastic way to meet new friends who share your interest in crochet. We'll have regular meetings where you can share your progress, get feedback, and enjoy each other's company.
- **Participate in Special Events:** Throughout the year, we plan to host a couple special events like crochet challenges and community projects.

# Meeting Details:

- When: Tuesdays; 4:20-5:30 pm
- Where: Room 602
- What to Bring: Basic supplies (yarn, hook) are welcome, but don't worry if you're new—we'll provide hooks and yarn and guidance! My rule of thumb, it is best to have your own set, so that you can practice at home; but we have what you need to get started here!

We're excited about the wonderful things we'll create together and look forward to seeing the unique and beautiful projects you'll bring to life. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your interest the Sugar Land Middle School Crochet Club. We can't wait to start this creative adventure with you!

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Pfenninger & Ms. Henry Crochet Club Sponsors storie.pfenninger@fortbendisd.gov Brynne.henry@fortbendisd.gov If you aren't ready to purchase supplies of your own, do not worry, we have plenty of supplies to get you started. But if you're ready to jump in, here is a list of supplies that you'll want to get you started.

### **Essential Supplies:**

- 1. Crochet Hooks:
  - Recommended sizes: Most projects use 4mm and 5mm; Hook sets provide better value and far more sizes,
  - Material: Aluminum, plastic, or bamboo (choose based on your preference)
- 2. Yarn:
  - Recommended types: Worsted weight (Medium #4)
  - Suggested colors: Start with a light color and a dark color for contrast (e.g., white and blue); avoid black at first as it is hard differentiate stitches.
- 3. Scissors:
  - For cutting yarn, small, sharp scissors work best.
- 4. Yarn Needle (Tapestry Needle):
  - Used for weaving in ends and sewing pieces together.
- 5. Stitch Markers:
  - Useful for marking the beginning of a round or section.

#### **Optional Supplies:**

- 1. Pattern Books or Printouts:
  - For inspiration and guidance on various crochet projects.
- 2. Measuring Tape or Ruler:
  - For measuring projects and checking gauge.
- 3. Bag or Case:
  - To keep your supplies organized and easily portable.
- 4. Row Counter:
  - Helps keep track of your rows, especially for larger projects.

# **Tips for Beginners:**

- **Choose Yarn with Care:** Soft yarns like acrylic or cotton are great for beginners. They are easy to work with and come in a variety of colors.
- **Start Simple:** Begin with basic patterns like scarves, dishcloths, or simple granny squares to build your skills.
- Ask for Help: Don't hesitate to reach out to club members or leaders if you need assistance or have questions about your supplies.

We look forward to seeing your creativity and progress in the Crochet Club. Happy crocheting!

#### Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to offer your child the opportunity to participate in our Middle School Crochet Club! This is a wonderful chance for students to explore their creativity, learn new skills, and make new friends.

Please review the following information and provide your permission for your child to join the Crochet Club.

Student Name:

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name:

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Allergies or Medical Conditions that disclosure is necessary:

I give permission for my child to participate in the Middle School Crochet Club. I understand that the club will meet Tuesdays from 4:20 to 5:30 at SLMS and that students will have the opportunity to learn and practice crochet techniques, work on projects, and participate in related activities.

I acknowledge that:

- **Supervision and Safety:** The club will be supervised by a club sponsor and other designated staff members. All reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure a safe and positive environment.
- **Dismissal:** I also ensure that a ride, or other arrangements, will be at the school by 5:30 to pick up my child. I understand that habitual late pick up will result in dismissal from the club.
- **Supplies:** Basic crochet supplies will be provided, but students are welcome to bring their own yarn and hooks if they prefer.
- Communication: I will be informed of any changes to the schedule or special events.
- **Medical Information:** The club leaders will be informed of any medical conditions or allergies that may affect my child during the club's activities.

# Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed permission slip by September 3, 2024. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact the club sponsors at the emails listed below.

Thank you,

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