



MARLEY

Having a Therapy Dog at School

A LITTLE ABOUT US...

My name is Mrs. Symons and this is my dog Marley. He is a 13 year old Shorkie, and a certified therapy do. He is very friendly and loves helping kids at school.



A LITTLE ABOUT MARLEY

Marley Likes:

- Gentle pets
- Treats
- Going outside on nice days
- Playing with toys
- Sitting quietly with kids



Marley does NOT like:

- Clapping
- Yelling
- Thunderstorms
- Being chased
- Sudden loud noises



Marley will be here a few days every week.

His job is to help kids feel calm, happy, and ready to learn.

He enjoys coming into classrooms and quietly saying 'Hi' in the hallway.

According to the University of Florida, having a dog around lowers your stress level!

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/05/170510174853.htm>

RULES TO KEEP MARLEY SAFE

What you SHOULD do:

- Ask before you pet Marley
 - Ask me first
 - Then hold your hand out to ask Marley as well
 - This way we both know you want to pet him and can make sure that you pet him safely
- Pet him gently on his head or on his back

What you SHOULD NOT do:

- Do not step out of line to reach down to touch him
- Do not run up behind us to try to pet him
 - This isn't very polite and it can scare Marley
- Do not pull his paws or his tail
 - This could really hurt Marley
- Do not pick Marley up
 - This could hurt you or Marley

SPENDING TIME WITH MARLEY

- Marley loves spending time with kids
- If you're feeling sad, nervous, or upset you can ask your teacher to find a time for you to see Marley
- Marley may also come into your classroom
 - If we are in your room, you may reach down to pet him when he comes by you
 - Not working = Marley leaving
- School work Marley enjoys:
 - Listening to stories
 - Practicing presentations
 - Watching kids draw





THANKS!

**We are so happy to be a part of
your school this year!**