



## **Dolan Auto Group donates** \$5,000 to Fremont's CLS class

**Carson City School District** 

The Carson City School District would like to share special thanks to Dolan Auto Group for donating \$5,000 to Fremont Elementary School's Comprehensive Life Skills (CLS) class. The money was awarded as part of a community benefit program the dealership hosts each year. As part of the application, CLS teacher Megan Malkmus provided two videos to inform Dolan of the classroom needs.

"This is a great honor to win this contest prize," Malkmus said. "We are so excited to start learning outside of our classroom and exploring our community. We plan to go on community-based field trips to help our students learn about daily life skills. which requires us to have a nurse travel with us, because we have special medical needs. This will help assist us so we can make hands-on experiences. We also plan on making care packages for our military to bring their spirits up and teach our students the act of giving back."

Malkmus' CLS classroom is brand new (one of the new campus improvements that opened the start of the school year at Fremont Elementary). It is self-contained but also involves inclusion. They have students with mild to severe disabilities in their classroom that are in



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grades kindergarten through second. The students range from low to high cognitively.

Among Malkmus and the five paraprofessionals who work with her in the class, they teach academics, life skills and social skills to this specific student population. They use adapted

materials to help successfully access the curriculum for their students. They use a lot of routines and breaks between work to regain focus back before moving on. They also use pictures and real-life situations to help students learn words and help them have hands-on learning experiences.



