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Dear Adult of a 7th grade young scholar,

Hello and welcome to a new school year! I would like to take a moment to introduce myself; I am Mrs. McCarthy and I am your young scholar's social studies teacher. I am very excited about the upcoming year, as I am sure you and your young scholar are as well.

Your young scholar and I are in for a fantastic year. The curriculum is challenging, but still entertaining. The key is communication. I would like to start those lines of communication going right away; first off by this letter and then letting you know how you can get a hold of me. I would encourage you to use my e-mail located at smccarthy@isd622.org because it will be the easiest and quickest for me to access. I would like you to feel that you can contact me with any questions or comments at anytime; therefore using e-mail is the best. Another way to get a hold of me is my phone at school. The number at school is (651) 748 – 6658. You can also check my webpage on the school's website. I do update my website every week with our weekly activities. Parents also have access to the Parent Portal, which you may have already signed up for last year. There is a link for that on our school website as well. I frequently update my gradebook so if you have questions about your student's grades please contact me.

In addition, I have a small request from you. I would like you to write an essay for me. I know what you are thinking, homework is supposed to be for the students, not the adults, but I have a very special topic. In a *million words or less* I would like you to tell me about your scholar. The reason behind it is that it takes teachers a great deal of time to know all the new students. This activity gives you a chance to tell me what you think I should know about your scholar and a chance to brag a little. I will read every one of them. This essay is of course an optional activity; your student's grade will not be affected. Feel free to take your time with this, but try to return it as soon as possible. You can either send it with your scholar or e-mail it to me. Also, feel free to include the best way that I can get ahold of you.

At the end of the year, I would love to give this letter back to your young scholar. Please let me know if that is *not* okay with you by letting me know in your essay.

I hope to hear from you soon and I look forward to more contact with you as the year goes on.

Fondly Yours,
Shannon McCarthy