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Dear Class,

Wow! This summer flew by incredibly fast. I spent the largest percentage of my summer break being a student. I am so glad that is over and it is time for me to be a teacher again. I am sure you all have as many questions to ask me as I have to ask you. I am writing this letter to answer some of the questions you may have about me.

I have always lived in Magna, Utah, with the exception of the years I spent in college. I have been married for almost thirteen years. My husband's name is Doug and he went to this school in elementary. I have one daughter, Jordan, who is the greatest kid in the entire world. She is in 6th grade at Magna Elementary. This is my 13th year here at Orchard Elementary. I love to teach because I enjoy being with kids and seeing them learn. My favorite subject has always been Math. I also love to read. I have many favorite books, one of my favorites is *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech.

I love to take pictures, scrapbook, and stamp. I have a crazy obsession for paper! I also like sports. I was on the swim team for 15 years and played waterpolo for Cyprus High. We were state champions my senior year and I was voted All-American.

Traveling and shopping are two things I could never get enough of. I have been to many states including California, New York, Florida, and Tennessee. I have also been to Japan, Mexico, and Canada. Lately, my favorite way to vacation is on a cruise ship with my family. I have cruised to Alaska and recently to Mexico. I would love to travel to Europe, but for now I will have to be satisfied with our Washington D.C. vacation planned for the Fall. I see another trip to Disneyland in the near future also.

When I "need a vacation" but don't have time to go much of anywhere, I head to the Uintah Mountains. Our family has a cabin at Christmas Meadows. I hate camping, but hanging out with friends and family at the cabin is far from camping thanks to the flushing toilets and warm shower! There is plenty of time for 4-wheeling, fishing, movies, camp fires, lying in the hammock and s'mores!

I am excited for this school year. I hope to get to know each of you and find out what you are passionate about. I also want to help you learn and succeed. I am making a goal to keep the room clean and organized. I am looking forward to a great year and hope you are also.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J