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Dear Student,

Welcome to Middle School! I am very happy to have you as a student in my class this year. I know you will learn many new things while under my supervision, and I hope you will enjoy it at the same time. We will learn many new things together.

I grew up in Tarzana, California, right here in the San Fernando Valley, and I went to college at San Diego State University. I have continued to educate myself over the years and have earned a Bachelor's Degree (BA) and a Master's Degree (MA), both in education. I have also completed my Administrative Services Credential and spent some time as an Assistant Principal which I will probably return to in the future.

This summer vacation was a long one! I traveled to Chicago, San Francisco, and San Diego and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. I saw many movies this summer. I love the movies, at one time I wanted to be a movie director before I decided to go into teaching. Both careers seem to involve telling people what to do. I am also an optimistic Dodger fan and always hopeful for my team to have a successful year. I also enjoy football and I'm excited that the NFL season is here. (Go Chargers!)

There are many things that I enjoy doing, I just wish I had more time. I love reading, I seem to buy more books and magazines than I ever will be able to find the time to read. I even collect cook books! I also hope to have many opportunities to travel in the future, I think discovering new places is a thrill! I love to shop, but I need to keep my spending under control. I will admit, sometimes I even like to sit around and do nothing but watch TV!

At this point you may be asking yourself, "Why is my teacher writing me a letter?" There is a method to my madness! ***For your first writing assignment, I would like you to write a letter to me using this same format.*** Your requirements for this assignment and the format of your letter (*friendly letter format*) are as follows:

1. Place **YOUR** return address and the date in the upper right corner of the paper.
2. Start with a greeting, like; Dear Ms. Seligson,
3. Your letter needs to have at least 2 paragraphs, more is great.
4. Each paragraph should have at least 4 - 5 sentences, or more. As you change topics, start a new paragraph. Indent paragraphs, capitalize sentences, re-read your work to catch errors.
5. This assignment is to be completed in blue or black ink and in your best cursive handwriting or printing, **not on a computer!**
6. Include a salutation (closing statement, like "Sincerely" or "Good-Bye for now") and your name.

This is to be a fun assignment! You are writing about a subject that no one knows more about than you do, you are writing about yourself! If you have an adult read your letter over, ***please DO NOT have them edit it for you***, I want a true sample of **YOUR** writing. Feel free to include information about your hobbies, activities outside of school, your family, friends, pets, interests, etc... anything you would like me to know about you. You may use lined notebook paper or stationary, add decorations or keep it simple, whatever works for you.

(This will be a graded assignment, based upon the requirements listed above.)

I am looking forward to a great year and to getting to know you better,

Sincerely,

Ms. Seligson