Hello First Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! It will be an exciting year. My name is Mrs. Hoelscher and I will be your first grade teacher. I am looking forward to meeting you and your parents. We will have a great year together, learning so many new things!

I want to tell you a little about myself. This is my thirteenth year teaching. My husband Chris and I live in Huntington Woods. Our daughters, Harper and Quinn, keep us busy! We like to spend LOTS of time together up north!

Our classroom is empty right now, waiting for the enthusiasm that you will bring to first grade. We will be learning to read! We also will be writing every day about many small moments that happen in our lives. Each one of you will be an author. Math will be lots of fun, using games, the computer, and books to become math experts! I consider our class a family, and we will learn a lot from each other. We will treat each other with the respect each one of us deserves.

Curriculum Night will be in September. I will share the date with you as soon as I receive it. Next to our parent/teacher conferences, this is the most important meeting we will have together. The daily schedule, routines, procedures, and expectations will be discussed then. This is important information for you to have in order to best support your child in the first grade.

Your child may bring a nutritious snack to school daily (fruit, vegetables, yogurt, cheese, etc.) Water is always available from the drinking fountain, but the children are encouraged to bring a small water bottle (8-12oz.) daily. Please be sure your child's name is clearly printed on the bottle with a permanent marker. It is important that your child is able to open his/her own water bottle too. Feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions or concerns. My email address is <u>khoelscher@rochester.k12.mi.us</u>.

I will see you on the first day of school. Our first day of school is a half day of school. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our class will meet in Room 10. Please see the suggested supply list for the first grade. You can bring supplies to World of Welcome. If you are unable to come, you can bring first grade supplies with you on the first day!

<u>Please complete the page titled "Getting Home" and return it to school on</u> <u>the first day of school.</u> I want to be certain that your child returns home <u>safely on his/her first day of school and every single day after!</u>

I look forward to seeing each of you on Tuesday morning. Come to Room 10 with a smile on your face. I can't wait to see you!

Mrs. Hoelscher (Pronounced Hole-sure)