Teacher Letter

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Dearest Class,

My name is Ms. Willner, and I've been so excited for this class to begin! I want to know all about you, but I figured I should be fair and share some things about myself first.

I'm from New Jersey originally, but this is my 7th year living in Rhode Island. I spent the first four working towards my Undergraduate degree at Brown University, and I received my Master of Arts in Teaching also at Brown University in 2013. As an undergraduate, I studied Latin & Ancient Greek. Last year was my first year at Beacon, and I am very excited not to be a first year teacher anymore.

I love books and literature (especially old ones with worn pages and lots of history), friends, food (vegetarian though!), etymology (the origins of words), my dog (Augie), the New York Giants (oops!), typewriters, rap music, and clothing. I write my own poetry and am working on a book with a friend who is an artist.

Mainly, I want to welcome you all to this class, and I want you all to know how excited I am to be learning with you (and from you) this year! I want this classroom to be a place of caring and respect, so please feel free to share with me any questions, concerns, or suggestions, especially concerning manners of personal safety. Discrimination based on race, gender identity, sexual orientation, class, religion, or ability will not be tolerated.

I encourage all of you to be brave and to make mistakes, and please remember to be gracious with others and with yourselves. I firmly believe that failure is necessary to growth. If it makes you feel better, I'll definitely mess-up at least a few times.

Thanks in advance!
Ms. Willner

Your response:
Write me a letter back that is <u>at least 1 page</u>! Here are some things you can talk about?
- Who is important to you?
- What is important to you?
- What is something you're proud of?
- What is something you're looking forward to?
- What kind of artist are you?
- What can I do to help you be successful this year?
- Anything else you'd like me to know (like your preferred gender pronoun, anything you'd like help with, anything I should know, etc)!