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Dear preschool families,

For those of you I haven't met, my name is Kay Downs and I am so excited to be a part of the Sterling Elementary team. More importantly, I am thrilled to be your child's preschool teacher! It's going to be a year full of lots of learning and new adventures and I can't wait to see what the year has in store for us!

My husband and I are originally from Montana. We married in 1998 and flew to Alaska for our first teaching gigs. Our plan at the time was to gain some teaching experience then head back to Montana (where our families still reside) and try to land teaching positions there. However, we fell in love with Alaska and have been here ever since! We have two incredible children, Rylee (age 19) and Nate (age 15).

I have taught in a variety of schools in Kenai and Soldotna over the past twenty years and am pleased to say that last week was my absolute FAVORITE first week of school EVER! The kids are ADORABLE! This week the rest of our friends will join our class. Even though we will continue to focus on classroom procedures and school-wide expectations, we will have lots and lots of fun!

As you can see, our red folders are bursting with information and forms to fill out and return to school. For some of you, this may be the first time seeing these folders. Please try not to feel overwhelmed with all the enclosed information! If you have questions, please call our school secretary, Ms. Debbie (262-4944) or me and one of us will do our best to help you!

I am attaching our daily schedule so you can get an idea as to how our day is organized. The morning group ends at 11:30 and the afternoon group ends at 3:30. Be prepared to meet your child near the fish tank in the lobby. Please do your best to be on time when picking up your child. It helps me out immensely when you are on time and relieves any anxiousness your child may feel if being the last picked up.

Again, if you have any questions (or even suggestions) please don't hesitate to call. Thank you for a wonderful new beginning to this school year! I look forward to getting to know all of you!

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