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Hello First Graders and Families,

My name is Mrs. Barbu and I will be your first grade teacher this year. We have a little something in common: I'm new to first grade this year as well! I'm also new to New Boston. My family moved here at the end of March, so some of you may have to help me out with how things are done at New Boston Central School. But, I know that you all are some smart kids and can help me out. It will be a great year getting to do new first grade things with you!

I taught Kindergarten for 15 years in Texas before we moved last summer. This year, we will read lots of great books (I love to read!), work on writing, go outside and explore science, become mathematicians, and learn ways to be kind and show kindness to others.

I would love to learn more about you before school starts. If you have time and with an adult's help and permission, **feel free to send me an email** and a picture letting me know a little bit about you. Having a picture helps me put a face to the name so that I can welcome you on the first day. Here are some examples of questions that would help me get to know you:

- Do you have a nickname you like to go by?
- Do you have siblings?
- What do you like to do at home?
- Do you have pets?
- How do you feel about school?
- Feel free to send anything else you can think of!

Emails can be sent to christy.barbu@sau19.org

You will be able to meet me in person before school starts on August 29th from 1:00 – 2:00. You will get to see your new classroom, get to meet some new classmates, and see old friends!

Here are the school supplies that you will need for school this year:

- (2) pocket folders with your name on them
- (1) backpack (big enough to hold a folder and a change of clothes)
- (1) lunchbox, *if* you choose to bring lunch from home, and a water bottle that closes tightly.
- (1) change of clothes (including socks and undies) in a plastic bag with your name on it.

A change of clothes is needed because sometimes life happens! The clothes will live in your backpack until we need it. Not all accidents are bathroom accidents. The paint sometimes gets away from us during art, or the milk at lunch is extra slippery. The plastic bag is to separate dirty clothes from the rest of the backpack.

I can't wait to meet everyone, and I look forward to a great school year! Enjoy the rest of your summer break. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me (christy.barbu@sau19.org). I will try my best to answer them or direct you to someone who can answer them!

Mrs. Barbu

