

I hope you are enjoying your summer and spending lots of time outdoors with friends and family. I am writing today to officially welcome you to 7th grade! I know moving up a grade can be challenging and might make you feel a little nervous, that is completely normal. I would, however, like to put your mind at ease by introducing myself to you.

My family and I moved to Grass Valley just 3 years ago from Sacramento and already I feel very connected to the community. I am on the board for Bear River Little League, I am a project leader for our local Clear Creek 4-H club and I run fundraising for Bear River High School Cheer. You will find that my favorite two things are my goats (I have 17!) and anything Disney related.



I graduated from the University of the Pacific with my bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and my multiple subject teaching credential. After taking a few years to work a little and start a family, I went back to school and graduated with my Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. I focused my thesis work around the importance of introducing literature at an early age and maintaining consistent reading practices. You will find that this experience seeps into my teaching practices, as I will try to help you find the joys of reading that I never had at your age.

I have been teaching for almost 15 years, most of which I spent teaching 7th grade. I have always had a passion for teaching middle school, specifically 7th grade because I am in love with the curriculum. Since I have taught the same grade for many years, I have been able to develop and fine tune interactive lessons that are both fun and engaging. With my middle school experience, I have found that I am very good at creating a close knit, classroom community. You will find that our classroom functions like a miniature city, giving you a fun and interactive way of engaging in learning while getting a taste of what real life is like.

Attached to this letter is a supply list that will help you be successful in our class. If you have any trouble getting any of the supplies, do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am very much looking forward to this school year and cannot wait to meet all of you! If you happen to see me around town or at the fair this year, please stop me to say hello!

Yours Truly,

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