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Hello!

Happy Summer! I hope you're enjoying everything that makes summer special! I've been thinking about school and I have to tell you, I'm excited about all the great things we'll be doing together, and I'm really looking forward to the first day of school! You've already been in your new classroom, but did you know we'll be teaming with Mrs. Miller & Ms. Nuttel? In fact, we'll be doing a lot of things with them!

I loved seeing you on Step Up Day! Here are a few more things to know about me: science, math, and reading are my favorite subjects. You already know I LOVE the water and used to teach scuba diving, which explains why our room is filled with ocean related items! I used to travel to many different dive destinations and loved to take underwater photos of the animals I found there. I still take photos of animals, but mostly our land loving kitties!

Here's a little about my family! Mr. Buswell is a computer expert and he can build anything! I have 12 year old twins, Brynn & Liam. They will be sixth graders this year. Brynn, my girl, enjoys Irish Step dancing, and Liam, my boy, excels at art, reading, and all things dragon! We have three cats, Cinder, Natasha, and Nikkita and they will be joining us on our summer camping trip out West!

Well, the first day of school will be here sooner than we think, so it may be helpful to start planning for school now. I'm including a list of materials you may WISH to bring to school with you. I will have lots of materials in the classroom to share! I can't wait to see all of you again! I hope our time together will be exciting and special! See you soon!

Mrs. Buswell

P.S. Don't forget your 5 truths and a lie for the first day of school!

You MAY wish to bring these to school:

- Pencils, pencils, and lots more pencils! We're going to merge these into a CLASS SUPPLY! What does this mean? You'll always have a pencil from the class bucket! If the pencil you are using breaks, or rolls away ... just grab a sharp one from the bucket! I'll store all the pencils together and replenish them through the year!

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR PENCIL PURCHASES TO
TICONDEROGA PENCILS!

Although I never require specific companies, we've discovered that all other brands do not work with our sharpeners. The lead repeatedly breaks off in the sharpener and we often sharpen them down to nubs, without ever getting to write with them!

Ticonderoga Brand seems to be the only quality pencil out there!

- 1 white, one inch, three ring binder for science/social studies
- 3 composition/thesis books (these sometimes have black & white covers, they are smaller than spiral notebooks but have lined paper within and thicker covers on the outside)
- Dry erase markers (We use these daily and they dry out quickly!)
- Sticky notes – your choice of size & color – you'll need many this year!
- Personal ear buds for technology use!

Optional items:

- Colored pencils – if you'd like, we use them almost daily.
- Scissors – if you'd like your own pair
- Boxes of tissues, which I'm happy to store for classroom use!
- Glue sticks
- Colored, fine tip sharpies (or other permanent markers)