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Happy start of the school year.

I want to let you know that this school year is going to start off rather hard for my family. Last winter, my husband was diagnosed with Stage 4 rectal cancer. During this past spring and summer, he underwent 10 rounds of chemo, followed by radiation and then liver surgery. Today, Sept 5th he is having surgery on the primary tumor. He will be in the hospital until at least Saturday. His long term prognosis is good - but we will have to deal with more chemo, more procedures/surgeries through this year.

N [REDACTED] has been fully aware of what is going on with her father. She has been amazing. She has truly rolled with the constant changes that have been imposed upon us. At home, we openly talk about cancer but we do not let cancer control us and have worked hard to keep living our lives to the fullest.

With all this said, it is hard for her to know her father will not be there on the first day of school and that he is missing her big sister's birthday. N [REDACTED] idealizes her sister K [REDACTED] she takes a lot of clues from her about everything and she is upset that this is happening (even though it is not her birthday.)

N [REDACTED] is very reserved and guarded until she is comfortable in a situation. She is very confident but she is an introvert and takes her time in any new situation. While we talk about everything at home and are open, I think it is hard for her to find the words to describe what she is feeling about everything. N [REDACTED] loves school and I hope that she gets a bit lost in her learning.

I have told N [REDACTED] that I would tell you about what is happening so that she knows she can talk with you or that you might understand if she needs a bit more quiet than usual. She has been so amazing throughout all this but I worry that at some point - it might get to be too much or she might just lose it about something small/different just to get the emotions out.

Thank you so much and I look forward to meeting you all this school year.
best,
Montserrat Kim

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