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Subject: Re: Welcome to Third Grade!!!
Date: September 4, 2018 at 12:57:07 PM EDT
To: [REDACTED]
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Hi Ms M [REDACTED]

We are so excited to be back in your classroom and for you to get to know N [REDACTED]. She is very different from K [REDACTED] and I think you are going to crack up about how different they are.

I wanted to share with you, Ms D [REDACTED] and Ms G [REDACTED] a little about what our family is going through. As you may know, George was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer about 18 months ago. He has gone through rounds and rounds of chemo, radiation, other drugs, etc and he continues to fight this disease.

For the most part, we have been able to keep the girls lives as normal as possible. We had a great time in the Adirondacks a week ago, and George took each girl for a short trip to spend time with them. But - reactions to the treatment have an evil way of sneaking in when we least expected it. All can seem fine and then George can be out of it as he deals with a virus or reacts to the treatment. There is a certain level of unpredictability that defines our lives these days. When this happens, I would say that we are all much more emotionally fragile.

I don't know what this year will bring for us. We will continue treatment, scans, meeting with doctors and just see what we have to face. Currently, I would say that we are treading water and just trying to keep the disease contained and live our lives as much as possible. While K [REDACTED] wears her emotions on her sleeve - N [REDACTED] is much more layered and it can take a while for her emotions to bubble to the surface. If you think a comment, topic, etc might bother her - you are probably right but she will not realize it bothers her for a while, until she has really processed it. If you are ever concerned about something she says, does, or experiences - please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Keeping my girls emotionally healthy while we deal with this is one of my top priorities and I am always open to any feedback that you might have.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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