January 6, 2014

Dear Students,

 My name is Ms. Panther, and I am going to be your teacher for the next five months. I have taught for several years, the last five of them at Lakeview Middle School. I grew up in Springfield, IL, and moved to southeastern Iowa when I was 16. I graduated from a tiny high school (there were only 22 people in my senior class!) and went to college at Augustana in Rock Island, IL. I moved to Kansas City in the summer of 2008 even though I didn’t know a single person that lived here. My parents both live in Iowa and my siblings live in Chicago. I have a cat named Snuff but I really want to get a dog and name him Slug. I love to read, write, and work on photography.

 When it comes to school, I like to work on big projects by myself because I know I’m kind of bossy and like to take over. I like big class discussions but I tend to talk to too much and need people to remind me to be quiet sometimes. I think I’m a hard worker, but I can sometimes get distracted or lose interest in projects that I think are boring. I learn best by working on hands on projects and learn worst when I have to sit and listen to lectures.

 Other things you should probably know about me includes that my family nicknamed me “Bug” so I LOVE ladybugs and have them all over my classroom. You should also know that my pet peeve is when people are mean to each other, even if they’re just kidding. Especially when people call each other offensive words like “gay” or “retarded” because I have two cousins with mental retardation, so I know it’s not a funny condition and not a good thing to laugh about. I’m looking forward to this semester and getting to know each of you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Panther

PS Don’t be upset with me if I have to eat food in class sometimes. I’m not trying to be mean and show off, I just have a medical condition.

**🡨 Write the date**

**🡨 Dear Ms. Panther,**

**🡨 The first paragraph is all about you, your family, hobbies, pets, and anything you’d like to tell me about you.**

**🡨 The second paragraph is all about the things you like the best about school and the things you like the least. What do I need to know about you as a learner so I can be a good teacher?**

**🡨 What else should I know? Any personal, medical, or other information I should know? It’s private and I won’t show anyone except you.**

**🡨 Have a closing salutation**

**🡨 And sign your name (make sure I can read it if its handwritten!)**