

Introduction Letter

DIRECTIONS: You are to write a letter of three paragraphs in length introducing yourself to Mrs. Johnson. Indent each paragraph as you write. Use proper conventions and mechanics. Read your letter aloud for fluency before writing your final draft.

Paragraph 1—describe your family including pets that live at your home with you.

Paragraph 2—describe your hobbies that occupy your free time.

Paragraph 3—describe what you believe will happen in your future.

Note: Please observe care with what you include. Mrs. Johnson will be reading your words of art.

Specs:

Neatly handwritten (*cursive* or printed) in **black or blue ink** on notebook paper. Please do not write on the back of your final copy. Begin on a fresh sheet of paper.

Write your mailing address in top right margin. Put the date on your letter. Look at my example on the back of this paper to help you set up the proper format.

Vary sentence structure and length. Have fun!

Due date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014

4600 Colby Drive
Frisco, TX 75035
August 26, 2014

Dear Students,

Welcome to my sixth grade English Language Arts class. My name is Mrs. Johnson, and I have been teaching for nineteen years. This is my tenth year in Frisco ISD and at Clark Middle School. I felt a calling to be a teacher at the age of seventeen during my senior year and finally saw the light during my sophomore year at Texas A&M University. I graduated high school from Plano East Senior High and then earned a Bachelor's degree from A&M in history. I have taught Texas history, eighth grade American history, sixth grade world history, and sixth grade language arts. Frisco is my fifth school district; I have taught in Abilene, Garland, Plano, and Carrollton-Farmers Branch previously.

My family consists of my husband and my son; we have no pets now but had two different goldfish both named Swimmy when my son was younger. My husband and I have been married for eighteen years; we met in a singles' Sunday school class at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas. My parents live in Plano just twenty to twenty-five minutes away depending on traffic. I am the oldest of three daughters, so that makes me the boss lady. My husband's parents live in McAllen, Texas, and they own their own business, Amigo Power Equipment. My son loves to visit his grandparents in town and out of town whenever we can.

When I have spare time, I love to visit the either Frisco Public or Plano Public libraries. I have cards for both places. I find books to read by some of my favorite authors including Jane Austen, Dame Agatha Christie, Lynn Austin, and Gilbert Morris. I also enjoy gardening and watching my plants grow in my yard; I despise weeds of all kinds especially the annual bluegrass that crops up each winter. I like to bowl, play volleyball, run, take long walks, and travel whenever I have the opportunity.

Both my parents and my grandparents inspired me to be as good a teacher as I can be. My Papa Bear and Grandmama were thrilled to have me in the classroom since neither of them finished high school. My PawPaw died after my senior year in high school, so he never knew what I have done with my life. I believe he knows now. It is my goal to inspire learning and great writing. In my future I see myself as a proud Mama watching Trey graduate from high school and college. Then I see myself meeting the beautiful young woman he wants to marry. I want to hold my great-grandchildren on my knees and read to them.

In closing, my passion is for my students to thirst for knowledge and to desire a better place for themselves. I want you to grow up strong and healthy and do great things. Each one of you is an integral part of my life, a piece of the quilt, and you and I were meant to work together for the time that we have. I am glad to have you in my class, and once again I welcome you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Johnson
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