



Dear Families,

You might have heard your child speaking about someone hanging around Mrs. Rubino's classroom who occasionally works with them in small groups. Well, that's me! My name is Evan Williams and I wanted to introduce myself because I will soon be working much more with your children. I am a student at the University of Pittsburgh. I am working towards my masters in Elementary Education. I am from Greenville, Pennsylvania (Mercer County), however, I have lived all over the country since my father was in the military. I went to college at Kent State University for broadcast journalism. A year later, I discovered teaching was really my calling and applied for the program at Pitt! I am very close with my family and adore my three dogs!



Me (on the left) with my two sisters

I am also very passionate about becoming a teacher and promise to be truly devoted to teaching your children. Last semester I was only observing Mrs. Rubino for ten hours a week; however, this semester, I will be in the classroom everyday and begin to start phasing-in as a student teacher. I will start with small areas such as morning meeting, calendar, and spelling and then take on

more lessons and subjects. In April, I will be responsible for teaching your children for two full weeks.

So you will probably be seeing and hearing from me, and about me more often from now on (hopefully all good things)! Please feel free to come to me with any questions or concerns you may have. I also wanted to mention that over the course of the semester, I will be assembling my portfolio. I will be taking the lessons and materials I do in class with your children and using them as evidence that I am becoming a good teacher! I plan on using their work as samples and also taking videos and pictures throughout the rest of the year. If you would not like your child to be in photographs or on videos, please indicate below. I assure you they will be for professional use only and will only be accessible to the state and school districts where I apply.

I look forward to meeting all of you over the course of the year and in conferences later this year. I am very excited to start teaching your children. They are all very special to me since they are, in a sense, my "guinea-pigs!" Thank you for taking the time to read and address this letter. Please sign the bottom and send it back with your child in their take-home folder.

Sincerely,

Miss Evan Williams

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Signature

Date