



Dear Families,

I am so excited and honored to have your child in my class this year! First grade is truly an amazing year! I hope as the year progresses I will get to know you and your child very well. There is much research that supports a positive relationship between parents and teachers enhances a child's education, so I hope you will feel comfortable coming to me with any concerns or questions you might have now, or as the year progresses!

To get things started let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Jessica Johnson. I started my teaching career in 1999, time sure flies when you're having fun! I hold a degree in Early Childhood Education and I am licensed to teach 4K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I am also nearly finished with a masters degree in literacy. This will be my seventh year here at OLOL. Prior to this I have taught at various levels in Las Vegas, NV as well as in Eau Claire and Kimberly WI. I LOVE teaching the primary grades! The children have energy, excitement and lots of personality!

I am originally from Eau Claire and my family still lives there. My sister, Andrea, and her husband have one daughter, Willow, who LOVES her auntie! My parents are both retired and enjoy hearing about all the fun we have in my classroom!

I am also the proud mother of two amazing children! My oldest, Madison, graduated from UW Madison in May! My youngest, Maxwell, is a junior at Kimberly High School! They are both avid readers, but Maxwell really wishes he could go back to first grade when writer's workshop was shorter! LOL

I spend a great deal of time planning and preparing lessons. However, if I have spare time I enjoy spending it with my children and/or doing a number of creative and quiet activities. I LOVE reading novels as well as children's literature and professional resources. Children's literature is one of my passions and I am excited to share some of my favorite stories with your child this year. I also enjoy baking, cooking, gardening, movies and music. During the warmer months I enjoy walking and sitting outside just listening to the birds and the sounds of the neighborhood.

Again, I am looking forward to getting to know you and your family this year. Please stop in, call, email or send a note if you would like to talk. I am usually at school by 7:45 and stay until 4:30.



Let's have a great year!

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