

A LETTER TO MY CHILD'S TEACHER

Before the first day.

A warm, honest introduction. Fill in the blanks, print it, and hand it to a teacher at the start of the year or any new classroom.

TO (TEACHER)

FROM (PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

This year you'll have my child in your class, and we're glad. I wanted to introduce them before the first day, parent to teacher, so you start the year knowing the real kid, not just a first impression. My child communicates a little differently, and the most important thing to know is this: they understand far more than they can say. Please don't read quiet as 'not getting it.' There is a whole, bright person in there, working hard to be understood.

WHAT LIGHTS MY CHILD UP (A STRENGTH, A LOVE, A WAY IN)

HOW MY CHILD COMMUNICATES (WORDS, SIGNS, A DEVICE, GESTURES, TIME)

WHAT HELPS MOST IN THE CLASSROOM

IF MY CHILD IS HAVING A HARD TIME, THIS TENDS TO HELP

My child is working hard outside your room too, often hours of therapy a week, to do things that come easily to other kids. A little patience and a few small adjustments go a long way, and you are not in this alone, I'm your partner. Please tell me what you see, the good and the hard. I'd always rather hear it early.

THE BEST WAY TO REACH ME

Thank you for the care you bring. We can't wait for my child to know you.

Warmly,