August 14, 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I am so excited to be working with you and your student this year! I want to thank you for allowing your child the opportunity to learn with me in first grade.

This is my 12<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. I began teaching at Stonegate Elementary in 2008. Since joining the Stonegate team, I have been teaching kindergarten and first grade.

I graduated from Friends University in Wichita, KS in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. I received my Masters of Education from the University of Kansas in 2008.

Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

My husband, Jon and I have two children at home. My son, Owen, is a first grader and my daughter Emma is three years old.

I love traveling. I love pink. I love pinterest. And I love to teach!



We are going to have a fabulous year in first grade! You will be amazed at how far your child will progress through this school year. First grade may feel fast and furious at times, so hang in there, we are going to have great ride! I am dedicated to helping your child succeed. Please remember as well that my motto is, "Not every child gets the same thing, but every child gets what they need!" We all learn at different rates and in different ways. My job is to help your child learn in the best way possible!

We are going to have a wonderful year! Welcome back families.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Shellhorn
First grade teacher
Stonegate Elementary