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Dear Third Grader,

My name is Mrs. Lepp, and I can't wait to meet you! I hope you had a nice summer, and that you are excited to start third grade.

When I started 3rd grade, I remember feeling like I was pretty good at most things, but I didn't feel like I was great at any one thing. My teacher was tiny and tough, and a little scary, but I loved her because I knew she cared about all of us, and pushed us to learn and be better people. She helped me discover some of my talents, and even though I didn't get the best grades in her class, she taught me skills that I still use today.

While I am tall, and not *too* tough, I hope that I can push you to learn and be the best person you can be, and to help you discover and develop some of your talents, and teach you some life-long skills.

This is what I looked like when I started 3rd grade, and this is what I look like now:



A few things to know about me:

- I've been a teacher on Mercer Island since 2013, mostly in first grade.
- I love music and performing arts, and I like to sing every day.
- My favorite hot beverage is English Breakfast tea with steamed oat milk, but mostly I drink water.
- My favorite treat is a really good cookie - chocolate chip, shortbread, snickerdoodle, etc..
- I love to paddle board with my friends, and feel lucky everyday that we get to live on this beautiful island.
- After a two year leave from Northwood, I am SO excited to be your teacher this year!

Ok, third grader, I'll see you soon!

*Mrs. Lepp*