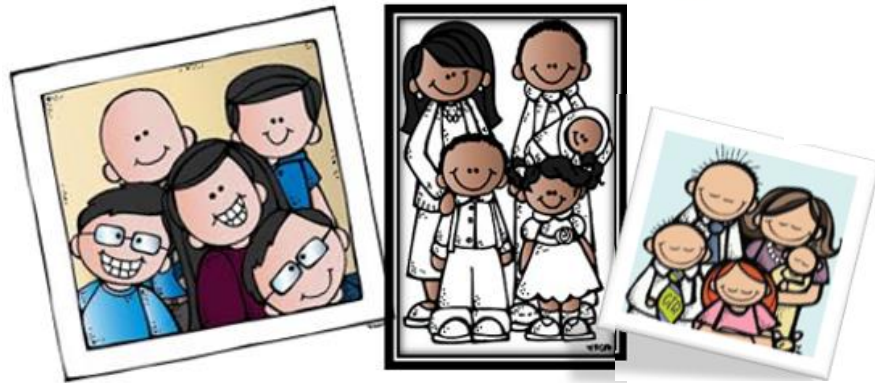


IN A MILLION WORDS



...or less

I am thrilled that your child is in my class this year! I am very excited to get started. I am a firm believer in keeping a strong, open line of communication between home and school. *After all, we have something so special in common; your child!* You are your child's first teacher and you know him or her better than anyone else in the world. I would love to start the year out with a glimpse of who your child really is. What makes him or her so amazing? What does he or she struggle with? What are his or her hobbies and special talents?

I am asking you to write or email me about your child in a million words or less. ☺ *If we were to sit down for 20 minutes over coffee, what would you want to share with me about your child?* This information is confidential and is for me only. It gives me a whole new understanding into who your child is and what makes him or her tick. For example, if I know that Sally loves to draw, I might be able to have her use her talents on a class project. If I know Johnny is terrified of thunderstorms, I can be sensitive to his fears. Yes, I will learn a lot about your child from our time together, but *why wait?*

Thank you so much for *trusting* me with your child this year, and thank you for taking the time to tell me about him or her!

Thank you,