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Dear First Grade Families,

I am thrilled to have your child in my classroom this year as part of our first grade family. I am also excited to have such wonderful families joining me in the educational adventures we will have this year!

My name is Holly Vance. This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Crest View. I started my teaching career in Atlanta, Georgia in 1987. Upon moving to Boulder in 1989, I began teaching in the St. Vrain Valley School District in Longmont. While my two daughters were young, I stopped my full-time teaching but continued to substitute teach and was a private tutor as well. My involvement at Crest View began when my first daughter entered first grade at Crest View. I was a parent volunteer and substitute teacher. I continued in this role as my second daughter entered Crest View, and in 2004 I began full-time teaching in second grade and third grade. This will be my fifth year in first grade. I have been a part of the Crest View community for ten years in various capacities. It is a wonderful place to be!

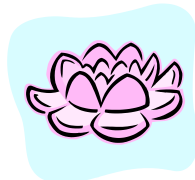
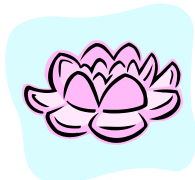
I have a Bachelor's degree in Communications and a Master's degree in Teaching both from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. I continue to be very interested in continuing my education by participating in district professional development and by taking classes at local universities. I am also currently the Crest View representative to the District Language Arts Curriculum Committee and District Curriculum Council. I am also working on a continuing goal of Spanish Language proficiency.

I love teaching the 1<sup>st</sup> grade curriculum. Having taught both second and third grades at Crest View, I am keenly aware of what my first graders will need to accomplish this year to be prepared for the years to come. I am looking forward to exploring Mexico and Japan with your children. We will also do several thematic and integrated units and mini-units based on literature. (These units strongly incorporate various subject matters, such as math, art, handwriting, and science.)

First grade is an exciting and critical time and I am determined to learn, teach, grow, challenge, and achieve with my new first grade family. Again, welcome to first grade and I look forward to a fabulous year!

Sincerely,

Holly Vance



23 de agosto 2010

Queridas Familias,

¡Bienvenidos al primer grado! Yo soy Holly Vance. Estoy muy emocionada a ser la maestra de este grupo de estudiantes tan maravilloso. Vamos a tener un año buenísimo.

Primero, quiero decirles algo de mi. Yo estudié en la universidad de Miami of Ohio y tengo un Bachelors en la comunicaciones y un Masters en educacion. Llevo muchos años aquí en Crest View. Enseñé en muchos grados. El año pasado enseñé en segundo.

Este año vamos a estudiar muchos temas importantes. Los temas grandes son Japon, Mexico, y la economía. En la ciencia vamos a estudiar plantas y la tierra. También vamos a estudiar lectoescritura y matematicas.

Si tengan cualquier pregunta, por favor llamenme aquí en la escuela 720.561.2842 o escribanme una nota.

¡Otra vez, bienvenidos!

Holly Vance

