Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Hello! I will be your child’s Health and Physical Education teacher for the semester. I am very excited and dedicated to work with your child and yourself.

First, let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Mary Wenstrom and I have my bachelor’s degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in Health and Physical Education with a coaching minor. I have a lot of experience in working with students of all ages. I student taught in the Edina and Eden Prairie systems, taught with the National Youth Sports Program, taught swimming lessons for 4 years, coached and umpired girls softball for 7 years, coached at different basketball camps for 6 years, worked in the Le Sueur and St. Peter School Systems for my educational coursework at Gustavus Adolphus College, and have observed many classrooms in Minnesota and also all over Europe while studying abroad.

From all my experience and observations with effective classrooms, I have come up with some expectations for my students and their parents/guardians.

For students I expect:
1. Respect (I respect all of my students and expect respect in return).
2. Participation
3. Healthy atmosphere
4. Completion of Assignments
5. Good Attitudes
6. Effort

For Parents/Guardians I expect:
1. Commitment to asking students questions:
   a. Do you have any homework?
   b. What have you been studying in Healthy/Physical Education class?
   c. How are you doing in Health/Physical Education class?
   d. Has your teacher sent anything home for me?
2. Participation in whatever way possible
   a. Helping in the classroom
   b. Answering your student’s survey questions
   c. Signing different newsletters that will be sent home with your child. There will be 4 different newsletters during the semester.
   d. Attendance at the Parent/Teacher Conferences
As for homework, I expect my students to hand their assignments in on time or they will be deducted points from their grade. I expect students to complete their homework and all assignment on their own unless told otherwise. If a student will be away from school on an excused absence, they are to ask for their homework ahead of time and together we will discuss when the assignment will be due.

I would finally like to let you know that I am a very approachable person and would be glad to discuss any questions or concerns about your student. I am available for meetings before and after school hours and phone calls during my prep hours. I can be reached at (612)-396-3894. If I am not reached directly, leave a message with my voicemail and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Again, I am really looking forward to working with your child and yourself.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Wenstrom