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Dear River Plaza Students,

Can you believe that it is almost time for school? I just wanted to write to all of you and say, "Welcome back!"

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. I can't wait to hear about all the things you did and all the places you visited. I was able to travel to California to visit my brother for a few days; from there I flew to Arizona and visited my cousin for another few days before returning to New Jersey. You probably are as excited as I am about getting back to school, and maybe a little sad that summer is coming to an end.

In addition to being excited, students sometimes worry about the first day of school. I am writing to let you know that your teachers, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Sheridan, Mr. Nick, Mr. Mike and I have been working hard to make sure that everything is ready for you. We all want this to be your best school year ever.

Students sometimes ask me for the best ways to get ready for school. Here's my advice:

- Try to gradually get back to a "school schedule" by going to sleep and waking up a bit earlier than usual during the last few days of vacation.
- On the first day of school, even if you know many of the people in your class, it's a great day to make a new friend. Say hello to kids you know and new ones that you don't. Make the first move. You'll be glad you did and so will your new friend!
- Always try your best. You have unique abilities. Let them shine!

And, what if you have a problem or question on the first day? Well, whether it's the first day, the last day or any day in-between, talk to your parents or guardians, to your teacher, to Mrs. Della Valle or to me. We are here for you and we can help.

I am looking forward to seeing your smiling faces next Thursday, September 3rd. I hope you will share with me some of the books you have read over the summer. Enjoy the last few days of vacation!

Fondly,



Miss Pesce