Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school! I hope you enjoyed your summer break. If you are new to the junior high, welcome! I will be your child’s teacher for Language, Literature, and Social Studies. I would like to take this time to introduce myself. This is my first year teaching at Roanoke-Benson Junior High. I was born and raised in Mackinaw and currently live in Eureka. I obtained my bachelor’s degree from Eureka College in December of 2013. While I am not teaching, I am spending time with my one year old daughter, Ava, and husband Nick. My husband works for Pekin Insurance and most of our time together is either spent outdoors with our daughter, or spending time with family and friends.

Sixth grade is a busy year with many new things to learn. In Language Arts, we prepare our students to be more effective readers and writers as they’ll be exposed to multiple genres. Students will also participate in writer’s workshop while focusing on the creation of strong pieces. Lastly, students will have ample opportunities to read and discuss novels as well as non-fiction pieces tied to the curriculum. In Social Studies, we explore a variety of ancient cultures and civilizations. Sixth grade is an exciting time as students emerge as “middle schoolers” with unique social, emotional, and academic characteristics. I look forward to working with your child to prepare them for the transition to middle school! Parent support will be greatly appreciated throughout the entire school year. I believe that a consistent line of communication between school and home is the best way to ensure that students are constantly striving to achieve.

I’ve also provided additional information about the class on the syllabus attached to this letter. Please read the syllabus and sign the detachable portion on the bottom of this note in order to indicate your understanding and support of the classroom system. There is also a questionnaire for you and your child to complete. Please have this returned by Friday, August 29th, as this will be one of your child’s first grades.

I am really looking forward to a great school year! I hope they have a fun and exciting educational experience this year as much as I am anticipating they will. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at keeten@rb60.com.

Sincerely,

Katie Eeten