Dear Odyssey Students and Parents/Guardians,

It is an honor to be introducing myself as a new member and team leader of the Odyssey Community at Royal Spring. I come to you eager to lead, learn, and willing to work hard to continue the excellent progress you have made so far this year. This is my 3rd year at Royal Spring and 5th year teaching. I began my teaching career in Phoenix, Arizona where I taught 7th grade gifted and general Language Arts and Reading. My experience at a high achieving, top rated school and district propelled me to continue to seek the same experience when we had to move for my husband’s job to Kentucky.

Since being hired at Royal Spring, I’ve had the privilege of getting to teach all 3 grade levels over the last 3 years. At the end of December, I was offered the position to be community leader and teach Language Arts on Odyssey. While I could have never anticipated a midyear move and it’s not necessarily ideal, I believe it was one of the best moves I’ve made yet. Mrs. Mills is an excellent teacher, and it was a loss to our department to lose her to Tennessee. Those students and teachers are so lucky to have her. I have some large shoes to fill, but am excited to take the torch she has passed so graciously.

As a Language Arts teacher, I love spreading a passion for literature as well as spoken and written word. Project Based Learning fits my style of teaching. In my philosophy towards education, I believe the students should be personally invested in their own learning, continually directing all pieces of the instructional process to a meaningful product or experience.

Beyond the content, I am a teacher who passionately seeks to know my students and families. My hope is that even though we only have a semester left this year, I can truly get to know each of you and what allows you to be most successful as a learner. Beyond that, I want my students to leave my classroom as better citizens, sons/daughters, brothers/sisters, and overall individuals that will contribute much to our society.

In the process of my transition and as we get familiar, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available via email, and sometimes via phone if you call the school office. If you would like to schedule a conference, I’d love to meet you. Also, please use the attached form to provide your best contact information and to tell me of any immediate needs your student may have in the classroom or at school. I will do my best to reply as quickly and as frequently as needed.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this great ODYSSEY!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Schneider*

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**Students:** Please read and sign below.

As we begin a new year as a new community, we would like to clarify some school wide rules that are implemented for our students to be successful. Please read each rule and sign below to show that you have read to and agree to its terms. Please leave a note below the signature if there are medical or academic needs that might affect your ability to follow this rule.

\*Cell phones, devices, and headphones/earbuds are to be *concealed or put away* unless the teacher has allowed them for academic use or the student has received permission to use it. By signing below, I understand that not following the cell phone/device policy could result in a loss of privileges with my device.

\*Water Bottles, drinks, or food may only be permitted in the classroom with a nurse’s pass, parent note, or medical condition that has been communicated to teachers. No other food or drink is permitted inside the classroom, unless the teacher has given students special permission.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parents:** Please complete the below portion for our community’s information.

Parent(s) Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When are you usually available to talk? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything important I need to know to help your student be successful in the classroom?

What is one area your student excels in (either in school or out of school)?

What is one area your student needs to grow in this year?

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