Date

Dear parent or guardian of <Student Name>,

Welcome to <School Name> Elementary! < Student Name > will soon be a WaKIDS kindergarten student! WaKIDS is a Washington State kindergarten program that strengthens our partnerships with families and makes the transition to kindergarten successful.

**WaKIDS recognizes parents and guardians as a child’s first teacher. When a child enters kindergarten, it is important the family and the kindergarten teacher have a chance to connect and learn from each other.**

**Family Connection Meetings**

1. WaKIDS Family Connection meetings will occur September 9, 10 and 11.
2. You, family members and < Student Name > will be invited to meet with your child’s kindergarten teacher in a private appointment instead of starting school on the first day with grades 1-5 students.
3. Your family connection meeting is designed to give you time to get to know your child’s teacher and for the teacher to get to know you.
4. During the appointment, you will meet your child’s teacher, explore the classroom and share your goals and expectations for learning.
5. Kindergarten students’ first day of school will be Monday, September 14, 2020.

**Scheduling**

We will be contacting you regarding your Family Connection meeting with your child’s teacher.

I know this is an exciting time for you and <Student Name>. Your WaKIDS Family Connection meeting will help make this year a better-than-ever school experience.

Sincerely,

<Principal’s name>, Principal