Dear KHer,

Welcome to KH at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School! Are you getting excited about your first day of Kindergarten? I am! Can I tell you something super special? A long time ago, when I was a Kindergartener, I went to this school too- just like you! ©

This summer, I went to the Grand Canyon and Antelope Canyon. I saw the fireworks on the 4th of July. I went to the beach and went to lots of restaurants. I love to go on walks, do puzzles (1,000 piece ones!), read books, watch sunsets, have picnics, and take pictures. (I'm always on the lookout for Bald Eagles, Ravens, and Crows.) I can't wait to meet you and hear about everything that you have done over the summer. Did you learn something interesting or do or see something that made you really happy?

We will be doing lots of fun learning activities this year. We will listen to stories, play games, build, explore, plant, sing, and draw pictures. You are going to make new friends and will really love Kindergarten!

Try to get a good night's rest the night before your first day so that you will be ready to learn and will be ready to have lots of fun in KH. I am so excited to meet you and your family. See you soon!

From, Ms. Herzog

P.S. Be on the lookout for a special message for you on the KH window (from Stedman St.) if you walk by the school.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar is one of my favorite books.

Can you find me?



Walden Pond



Me (Ms. Herzog) on my First day of Kindergarten in Coolidge Corner!



Elephants are my favorite kind of animal. What is your favorite animal?



I love puzzles and I love cheese! My boyfriend, Kieran, and I worked on this cheese puzzle together.



This is me!

Hello new KH kindergarteners and families!

My name is Melissa, and I will be the teacher assistant in KH this year. This is my 7th year working in KH with Ms. Herzog, and I am super excited to be back! This will be my 10th year in Brookline; I have been a long-term substitute kindergarten teacher, a classroom assistant, and a special education assistant.

I can't wait to find out all about you! Here are some things about me...Maybe we have a connection!

- 1. I love to dance.
- 2. I love to read. My favorite kids books are Elephant and Piggie by Mo Willems.
- 3. My favorite animal is the manatee.
- 4. My favorite foods are fruits and avocados.
- 5. I have 1 sister.



Me without a mask



Me on silly dress up day



Me with a mask

I can't wait to meet you at the Ruffin Ridley School! See you soon!

Love, Melissa