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Dear Ms. Allen's Class,

I am so excited to teach your child social studies this year! While I love science, social studies is where my true passion is! I majored in Geography, History, Political Science and Economics at Eastern Michigan University (Go Eagles!) This is my ninth year in education and my second year as a fourth grade teacher. I taught third grade (four years) and fifth grade (three years) in Michigan.

I'm sure you're already aware, but this year Wake County is using a brand new textbook for social studies. The program is Harcourt Social Studies. In fourth grade, our main social studies objectives are learning about the state of North Carolina. Each child has a consumable (their own personal workbook) that we'll be using for our lessons together. If your child should lose their book, please let Ms. Allen know immediately!!

If you have any questions about anything that we're doing in social studies, please feel free to email me (cwalker2@wcpss.net). I'll be teaching your child the second portion of each quarter.

This first quarter together we'll be learning about the three regions in North Carolina, the rivers and lakes of those regions, and the landforms of each region. We'll be learning about the five themes of geography. We'll also learn about the natural resources of each region, the culture and people of each region, the settlement of each region, and the Native Americans of each region. We'll be taking a Unit 1 and 2 test at the end of September. I'll send home a study guide (one week before the test) for you to study with your child and then we'll take the test.

As you can see, we have a very busy quarter ahead of us! I look forward to getting to know your child and to get them as excited about social studies as I am!

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