***Date***

Dear ***Teacher’s Name***,

***Child’s full name***is my ***son/daughter***, and ***he/she***is in your class this year. ***He/she***is ***[list a few positive attributes]***, and ***he/she******[has autism/is autistic/is on the autism spectrum/your preferred language]****.*

Thank you for welcoming ***My child*** into your class and fully including ***him/her*** in the classroom experience. The opportunity to interact with ***his/her*** peers is priceless for ***his/her*** development and future prospects. ***His/her*** classmates may also benefit, because they now have the chance to learn firsthand about difference and grow into accepting adults.

I am well aware it will not always be easy having ***My child*** in your class. There will be challenges. But I want to help set you up for success as you work to educate my child and ***his/her*** classmates. So, here are a few “insider tips” about my child that I hope make the school year smoother.

* My child does hear and comprehend what you and his/her classmates say, so please do not tolerate bullying in any form. That also means My child is fully capable of understanding the classroom content presented to***him/her****.* Even if***he/she***does not respond in a neurotypical way,***he/she***is learning and benefiting from your efforts as a teacher.
* My childis a***[visual/auditory/tactile]***learner.
* My child is very sensitive to……
* My child is soothed by…….
* My child is excited about…….. at school.
* My child is nervous/fearful/anxious about……
* My child absolutely loves ………
* My child is most successful when…….
* My child finds it challenging to……..
* Here are some positive ways to understand and respond to the occasional challenging behavior:
	+ Behavior:
	+ When it usually occurs:
	+ What my child’s need is:
	+ How to respond:
* *And/or whatever else you think it is important for your child’s teacher to know!*

Thank you for making the effort to get to know my ***son/daughter.*** It will make all the difference. ***He/she*** has a great deal to offer, if given appropriate opportunities. Please *do not hesitate* to contact me with any questions or concerns. I want this school year to be a success for my child, ***his/her*** classmates, and for you. We are in this together, and I want to help.

Sincerely,

***[Your name]***

***[additional contact information]***