Dear Parents,

My name is Lindsay Bruder and this will be my second year teaching in the Amery School district. Last year, I taught second grade at Lien Elementary. Previously, I taught at St. Croix Central Elementary in Roberts, WI for six years. I taught first grade for the first two years and then four years in third grade. Working here brings me much closer to my family, which is in Prairie Farm. I wanted to introduce myself since I truly believe parents and teachers need to be on the same page, work together, and have an open door policy with communication. Parent involvement is crucial in any child's success. Ever since I was very little, I desired to be a teacher. This opportunity is such a blessing and very exciting.

I am originally from Baldwin, and my parents now live just south of Amery, so I am very familiar with the area. I went to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Math emphasis. I did my practicum work in third grade at Malone Elementary School in Prescott, WI. I also subbed in that district regularly. I currently reside in Prairie Farm, WI with my husband, Brandon and son, Mason. We run a family dairy farm. In addition, I thoroughly enjoy watching and playing various sports, shopping, spelling, math, and spending time with family and friends.

Communication between everyone is vital for a successful year. I will be calling you to discuss your child in the middle of September. During this phone call, we will discuss a hope and dream you have for your child, any questions or concerns you may have, and/or your child's progress so far in the year. Every year, I look forward to these conversations because my hope is we start the year on a positive note. In addition, this process will help me get to know your child better, so I can provide an optimal learning environment for them.

I have an open door policy when it comes to communication. I will be in contact with you at various points in the year via notes, phone, email, and/or in person. If you need to reach me, please feel free to call me at (715)268-9771 Ext. 354 or (715)641-0581 or use email: <u>bruderl@amerysd.k12.wi.us</u>. Establishing a common ground and foundation will allow me to help your child better during the school year, and allow your child to have a successful learning experience and school year. Please remember that we are on the same team, striving for the best education for your child.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to our year together!

Sincerely, Mrs. Bruder