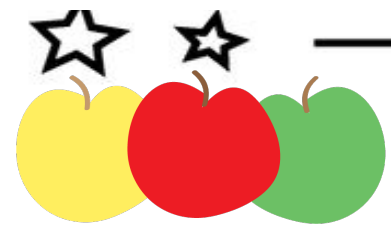


Dear Parents/Guardians,



Hello! My name is Miss Wood and I am student teaching in Mr. York's classroom. I am extremely excited to work with your child. In May, I will graduate from Ball State University with a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education with a concentration in Gifted and Talented. I am from Valparaiso, Indiana and I decided to become a teacher after my aunt and uncle adopted four boys. Three of which have disabilities. I watched them grow academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally with the help of their parents and amazing teachers. As they grew older, I knew I wanted to help make an impact on children's lives too.

As a student teacher, I will be working with your child until early May. For the first couple of weeks, I will be assisting your child with in class work. Mr. York and I will also be planning and co-teaching multiple lesson plans. As the semester goes on, I will be creating and teaching various lesson plans on my own, including a ten-day unit.

Throughout my time at Longfellow, I want to embrace all of the opportunities that arise to help achieve my goals. Some of my goals include mastering my classroom management skills, improving upon my nonverbal communication skills, and celebrating your child's successes. I also want to effectively teach lessons that best meet your child's needs by getting to know them at an academic level, but also a personal level. Lastly, I want to be the best teacher I can be with the help of Mr. York and your child.



Sincerely

Miss Wood