

Dear Classroom 6 Student (and parents!),

Can you believe it is time to start a brand new school year? I don't know about you, but I cannot wait! I wanted to take a quick moment to introduce myself and welcome you back to Room 6!

My name is Ms. Anna and I am thrilled to be your teacher! This will be my first year at Plato Academy, and I am beyond excited to get to know each of you. A little about me—I live in Cary with my husband, Nick, and our Australian Shepherd, Roscoe. We love to stay active! I run every day and have recently started racing in triathlons. Do you know what a triathlon is? It involves three sports: running, swimming, and...can you find out the third one? I went to college at the University of Iowa (go Hawkeyes!) and am currently completing my Master's in Elementary Education from National Louis University. I will be glad to share my stories with you all this year and cannot wait to hear your stories as well!

There will be some familiar faces this year for many of you, but I know one face will be new...His name is Cornflake and he will be our class pet this year! I know he is as excited to meet you as I am. Can you guess what kind of animal Cornflake is? I'll give you a riddle as a clue—

*I have no legs, but I'm not a broken chair*

*I have scales, but I don't weigh things*

*Some of my relatives are adders, but they don't have calculators*

*Some people may find me scary, but I'm not a spider*

*What am I?*

Cornflake and I hope to see you on Tuesday, August 21 (open house from 12:00-3:00). If you cannot make it, we will look forward to meeting on the first day!

I know we will have a WONDERFUL school year! I hope you are as excited as I am for our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year together! ☺ If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at [annawians@gmail.com](mailto:annawians@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Ms. Anna



P.S. Here is a picture of my family! Feel free to bring in a picture of your family to share too!