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| Dear past, present and future students, I write this letter is to let you know that I care. I care about art, I care about learning, I care about you. You can hold me accountable to give you a place where you can come to make connections to community, one another and the world through the creation of art. I will partner alongside you in finding answers to tough questions -seeking truth through art. I have taken responsibility to carefully design and lovingly curate experiences for you. I’m your accomplice in understanding, partner in research, igniter of wonder.I will hold you accountable to trust yourself and the process of learning. Learning can and should be enjoyable, but not always easy. You have many teachers, both in and out of school, but you are responsible for your own learning. As you learn, you will know more about the world in which you live and the people who share this world with you. This might not happen in the classroom. This might not be taught to you by someone else. You must be aware of those opportunities. This is your responsibility to yourself. The world needs you – you need the world. If you are finding that learning something is too difficult, confusing or boring, you must try to make it less so by connecting it to something you already know or care about. This is your responsibility to yourself, although you are not alone as a learner. Learning is more enjoyable, exciting and meaningful when you learn with others. You can learn with your friends, you family, and me. Your journey as a student of life is just beginning. Please trust my advice and please trust yourself. You have all the power you need to become the best you, you can be. Art is a window to truth and possibility. I am honored to join you on your journey of creation, of discovery, of following curiosities, of searching for and making change. Sincerely, Mrs. Norman |

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