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Dear Students and Parents of Ms. Galt's Classroom,

My name is Jillian Endres and I will be spending some time with you all in Ms. Galt's classroom this year. I am excited to be friends with you. I wanted to tell you a little about myself in case you were wondering or had any questions.

I have Rett syndrome. I am not able to walk or talk or use my hands very well. I need to be pushed around in my wheelchair. I also cannot eat the way you can eat; I have a neat tube that goes right into my belly. You may only see that once in a while; if you do, I want you to know it does not hurt me at all and it helps me to stay healthy and I never feel hungry. I sometimes don't feel too well and need to stay in my other classroom, but I hope to be able to come to Ms. Galt's classroom as much as I can.



I can hear you and see you. I love it when children talk to me. I try really hard to look at people when they are talking to me, but even if I don't, I am still listening. I love music, art and gym. I especially love circle time in the classroom. I love colorful things...can you tell what my favorite color is? I bet you can by the color of most of my hair ribbons...pink!

I have a mom, dad and two little brothers. I have a lot of family and friends who love me a lot. I am a happy girl and have a lot of the same feelings you have.

I hope we can be friends this year! Please ask my teachers anything else you would like to know or feel free to have your parents contact my parents!

Your friend,  
Jilly Endres



PS My mom's email address is [jendres@rettsyndrome.org](mailto:jendres@rettsyndrome.org). You can also learn about Rett syndrome by visiting [www.rettsyndrome.org](http://www.rettsyndrome.org).