Hello!

My name is Patty, my daughter Kira will be in Mrs. Bierowski’s Kindergarten this fall. I want to introduce her to you!

You see, Kira has Rett Syndrome. She has a damaged gene which regulates a special protein in our bodies. This protein helps us to walk, talk, and move around.....it really helps us do lots of things!

So, Kira cannot walk, or talk, or even use her hands very well....but she is full of love, life, and energy, plus she is smart! She understands everything going on around her....she just cannot respond in words. She uses her eyes as well as a book called a PODD to communicate. Your child will see her using this to communicate as well as answer questions in the classroom.

Kira will also have a personal aide with her in the classroom at all times to assist her with classroom activities and procedures. She is SO excited to spend most of her day with some active, wonderful children!

My hope is that this will be a great experience for everyone. Kira will learn from a wonderful teacher, fun students and friends! And, I hope, your child will learn about a different kind of "special" child. I'm sure they will have fun helping her learn and playing games! If your child is interested in hanging out with Kira outside of the classroom, we would LOVE that too!

If you (or your child) have ANY questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at home. My number is 920-662-1627 or my email is [mmevis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmevis@sbcglobal.net). If you or your child would like to learn more about Rett Syndrome you can check out [www.rettsyndrome.org](http://www.rettsyndrome.org)

Thank you in advance for getting things off on the right foot and helping your child understand that Kira is a fun little girl (just like your child) who just needs a little special help!

Sincerely,

Patty Mevis (Kira’s mom)