Hello Teacher’s Name,

My son/daughter, (student’s first and last name), will be in your class this year. Name is list some of your child’s qualities. (S)he also has Down syndrome. In case you aren’t familiar with Down syndrome (Ds), it is the most commonly occurring genetic condition. Name has three copies of the 21st chromosome, where most people have only two. Ds doesn’t limit who Name is. (S)he is more alike the other students in your class than (s)he is different from them.

 As you know, all students have unique needs and learning styles, and Name is no different. However there are some common learning characteristics of students with Ds that I wanted to share with you.

1. Students with Ds are visual learners. Keeping things visual, simple, and concrete will help Name learn new concepts. Visual memory is often a strength; pairing pictures with new concepts will help him/her to remember.
2. Students with Ds usually have poor working memory and poor verbal memory. Therefore, Name will likely perform better when (s)he is not required to remember large amounts of verbal information.
3. Students with Ds often have very good social skills, but are sometimes poor communicators. They may find it difficult to interact verbally with friends, but are very capable of forming meaningful friendships and relationships with peer and adults. Sometimes other students may need help understanding Name or learning how to communicate differently with him/her.

Name’s greatest areas of strength are list some strengths. (S)he may need some extra help with list child’s areas of weakness.

Please let me know how I can support you and Name. If you have questions, please know it’s always okay to ask! My contact information is listed below. I look forward to working with you this year, and know that together we can help Name have a great year!

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