Dear Alex and family:

My name is Carrie. You and I are going to have a lot of reading "fun" in the coming weeks together. I will be your reading tutor, and I am really excited to get started! I hope you are too!

I just graduated in December from the university with a degree in Elementary Education. I am taking two more classes to finish my Reading Endorsement, which will let me help more boys and girls like you. Right now, besides working with you, I am substitute teaching at some of the schools in the area to gain more experience in the classroom.

When I was your age, I lived in the country near a small town called Oakdale in the western part of the state. I have two younger brothers. Corey is the older of the two, and he is working at UPS. Cody is the younger one, and he's in seventh grade.

What do I like to do? I like to spend time watching movies and playing air hockey with my husband, Ray. I also like to visit my Dad and my brothers whenever I get a chance. Reading is one of my favorite things to do, but I also like to talk on the phone with my friends.

If your parents need to get a hold of me, my home phone number is (XXX) 222-2222 or my cell phone number is (XXX) 333-3333. Please have them contact me at anytime if there are questions or concerns to discuss. Also, if you happen to be sick on one of the days we are supposed to meet, I would appreciate it if your parents could get in touch with me.

I look forward to working with you, Alex, every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.!

Sincerely, Carrie D.