Dear ***Teacher’s Name***,

***Child’s full name***is my ***son/daughter***, and ***he/she***is in your class this year. ***He/she***is ***[list a few positive attributes]***. ***He/she***also ***[has autism/is autistic/is on the autism spectrum/your preferred language]****.*

Thank you for welcoming ***child’s name*** into your class and fully including ***him/her*** in the classroom experience. The opportunity to interact with ***his/her*** peers is priceless for ***his/her*** development and future prospects. ***His/her*** classmates may also benefit, because they now have the chance to learn firsthand about difference and grow into accepting adults.

I am well aware it will not always be easy having ***child’s name*** in your class. There will be challenges. But I want to help set you up for success as you work to educate my child and ***his/her*** classmates. So, here are a few “insider tips” about my child that you may not find in ***his/her IEP/ILP/504/etc.***

*[Here are just some suggestions as to what kinds of things you could include.]*

* [Child’s name] does hear and comprehend what you and his/her classmates say, so please do not tolerate bullying in any form. That also means [child’s name] is fully capable of understanding the classroom content. Even if he/she does not respond in a neurotypical way, he/she is learning and benefiting from your efforts as a teacher.
* [Child’s name] is a [visual/auditory/tactile] learner.
* [Child’s name] is very sensitive to……
* [Child’s name] is soothed by…….
* [Child’s name] is excited about…….. at school.
* [Child’s name] is nervous/fearful/anxious about……
* [Child’s name] absolutely loves ………

*Or whatever else you think it is important for your child’s teacher to know!*

Thank you for taking the time to get to know my ***son/daughter.*** It will make all the difference. ***He/she*** has a great deal to offer, if given the appropriate opportunities. Please *do not hesitate* to contact me with any questions or concerns. I want this school year to be a success for my child, ***his/her*** classmates, and for you. We are in this together, and I want to help.

Sincerely,

***[Your name]***

***[additional contact information]***