Dear Sprout Families,

I am so excited to meet you, just a few weeks from now. I will be traveling all the way from Seattle, where my 2 cats will stay with a good neighbor while we are together in Virginia.

We'll begin our time together, after worship with families from all of the groups, with a story from Faith and Play about the gifts we are given to bring to our communities. We'll talk about our names for the sacred source of those gifts. Some of us might call that God, others use words like Spirit or the Divine. How does your family talk about the wonder of creation?

We'll read a chapter book of poems over our time together, "Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart," by Vera Williams, about 2 sisters who care for each other while their mother is at work. We'll make things with yarn and cloth and paint, and we'll explore and play outside. We might want to bring water bottles; it's likely to be hot.

I invite each child to bring 1 favorite book to share. We might not read them all as a group, but we'll have a space for reading or other quiet activities away from the group. I love books and I would love to know a book that is special in your family.

with love and excitement,
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