

October 13, 2011

Dear Parents,

This letter has been drafted in order to introduce myself as a class teacher for your children at Cedars Christian School. I am a second year student teacher from the University of Northern British Columbia. I will be teaching from October 17, 2011, until November 4, 2011. Over this time frame, I will be teaching the play *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare. This play deals with many difficult issues including judgment, mercy, and anti-Semitism. These issues will be addressed both in reference to the play, the students' lives, and history, wherever applicable. I am open to any suggestions as to how to address the issues that will arise in the class. I would also like to invite you, as parents, to come into our class during a discussion session to allow for various perspectives to be seen. I have ensured that each of my lessons follow the aim of Cedars Christian School.

I look forward to teaching your students and learning alongside them. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at wiebej@unbc.ca.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jessica Wiebe