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Dear Teachers and Students,

This letter was composed by the students at Denali School. We went from classroom to classroom adding a new sentence with each class. The words, the thoughts, and the deep feelings come from them.

We hope that in some small way they ease the pain of your loss.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Wallace
Sp. Education Teacher.

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Dear High School Kids,

It was a sad day. We're sorry you guys lost a good teacher. We watched the news, we read the paper and we wished we could help. We are sorry your teacher has died, but you will always remember her in your heart. Your teacher was very brave to go up in space. I bet she taught you alot of things. We are proud of Christa because she was serving her country and striving for the "Last Frontier". She was bringing back information for each and every school. We know how empty and let down we'd feel if one of our teachers had left us the way she left you. That doesn't mean you have to stop and give up just because she is gone. Before this happened you had happiness, pride, and honor. Those feelings should continue forever. She was a great lady. She will be missed by all of us. Maybe another teacher will go into outer space but she will always be number one. She will be number one the whole wide world.

We're so sorry,
The Denali School

"The Challenge of Existence"
Human life
Both fragile and strong
Keeping setbacks in its' heart
And eyes on the future.

by Peter Glass
Denali Elementary School Counselor