Dear Student,

My name is Prof. Pinar Alscher, and I'll be teaching your CHEM 1A course. I have put a lot of thought into choosing the best materials to help you succeed, and I want to tell you about them so you can be prepared when class starts.

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I look forward to having you in class!

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