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Dear Ryan and Jack,

I am super psyched for summer vacation to begin, because that's when I get to see you guys! We are going to have so much fun while you are here!

I can't wait for you to meet our newest addition to the family, our puppy, Molly. She is six months old and loves to play. Since we live in a rural area, we have a lot of property with grass for her to run around. We are set way back from the street, so we don't have to worry about her running out into traffic and getting hit by a car.

Speaking of new additions, at the end of summer we put an in-ground pool in our backyard. It's about the size of our old backyard that we had when we lived in the city. We will be spending a lot of time swimming and playing pool games, and because there are so many beautiful trees surrounding our property, we will have all the privacy in the world. At night the pool lights up and changes different colors. We usually go night swimming, or if you don't feel like going in the pool, we can always go in the hot tub attached to the pool.

Wait 'til you see the beautiful views we have out here! Even though we have lived here awhile, I still am amazed every time I see a hot air balloon. They have so many beautiful colors and designs. One time one even landed on our front lawn! It was so exciting! They let us go inside the basket and then we helped them fold it so that they could put it in the truck. We heard that they were supposed to give my family a bottle of champagne since they landed on our property; however, they didn't have one on them, so they told us that they would ring our bell and give us one the next day. We are still waiting.

Speaking of waiting, I can't wait to show you the trail behind my house that my friends and I walk. There are a lot of pretty flowers along the way. We usually pack a picnic lunch and find a nice spot to sit with our blanket and eat.

Make sure you bring your bikes, rollerblades, and scooters. Our driveway is so long that we don't even have to leave our property if we don't want to in order to ride. We also have a huge amount of grass, so we can play soccer, lacrosse, or any other sport you feel like playing.

Don't be surprised if you see a horse and carriage on our road. Many of our neighbors have horses. I haven't been on one yet, but it's something I'm definitely going to try, eventually.

Oh, I haven't even mentioned the best party yet! Sadly, our neighbors are moving, but if you really love it here like we do, maybe you can be our new neighbors.

Love,
Kirsten