Inquiring minds want to know...

(Answers to first night’s homework...you can also find these answers on the class website! The pictures came out much better!)

When were you born? (Carter)
I was born February 9, 1970. Can you figure out how old I am? 😊

What is your favorite color? (Somaiya, Claire, Lamontay, Ella, Caroleena, Lucian, Makiya, Baylee, Gippeumi, Justus)
I have 3 favorite colors. They are hunter green, blue, and red.

Do you have a dog?/Do you think you'll ever get a dog? (Aaron, Victor)
I don't have a dog. I don't think I'll get one, at least not yet. I have quite a few pets already! I have 2 cats. Their names are Vader and Milo. They are almost 4 years old. My kids have 5 birds! Our favorite bird is a green cheeked conure named Mango. Guess what? We also have a hedgehog! His name is Mikey Spikey! Here is a picture of my adorable cats when they were kittens. And look where Mango likes to hang out! On my son's head!

Do you have any kids?/How many kids do you have? (Wallace, Caroleena, Laura)
I have 2 kids, but they're big kids! Joey is 21 and Layne is 17. Sometimes I talk a lot about them at school!

What is your first name? (Caroleena)
My first name is Tammi. My friends and family call me "Tam" a lot as a nickname, and growing up my family called me "Mimi" since my youngest sister couldn't say my name, Tammi, the right way!
What is your favorite song? (Ella, Lucian)
I have two favorite songs. One is "Let it Be" by the Beatles, and the other is Don't Stop Believer by Journey. I love to listen to music, and I love to sing, even though I don't sing very well! 😊

Where is your last name from? (Max)
My last name is a Polish name, but I am not Polish. Do you know where your last name is from?

What is your favorite book? (Claire, Andrew)
My favorite book is called The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstein. I will read it to the class soon. I love the message in the book! Here is what the book looks like:

What is your favorite food?/What do you like to eat?/What type of food do you like?/What's your favorite candy? (Lamontay, Aaron, Caroleena, Justus, Jordyn, Makiya, Baylee, Claire, Gippeumi)
Well, I love to eat! This is a toughie... I would have to say I like steak, salad, pizza, Chinese food, brownies and chocolate cake the best. Oh, and candy. I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE candy! (Mmm... gummy bears!!!) I know candy is not healthy but I can't help loving it!

What is your favorite sport? (Andrew)
My favorite sport to watch is probably gymnastics - I wish I could do all those fancy moves! I do not play any sports though. When I was in high school I ran track for a little while though.
Are you athletic? (Carter)
I am not really athletic, but I wish I was. I do enjoy exercising though (well, maybe not all the time)! When I work out I feel athletic! I like to run, lift weights and do some boxing and kickboxing.

Who is your favorite princess? (Somaiya)
I had to think about this question! I think maybe you are wondering if I like Belle, Cinderella, Aurora, etc...but my favorite princess is one I met when I was 13. Her name is Princess Diana and she was a real life princess who lived in England. I do like all the Disney princesses though!

Do you like bubblegum? (Lily)
I sure do! I like mint flavors best!

What do you like to play with? (Gippeumi)
It’s been a long time since I’ve played with something like a toy. The things I play with are games, cards, my iPad, bikes, punching bag! Do you have a suggestion on something I can play with? I can always use some new ideas!

What is your favorite animal?/What is your favorite wild animal? (Jordyn, Andrew, Victor, Ella, Claire)
My favorite animal is a cat. I think they are so cute and adorable. My cats are mischievous though! My favorite wild animal is a dolphin. I got to swim with dolphins once! Here is a picture of me kissing a dolphin!

Do you live in Leesburg? (Laura)
I sure do! But later this year I am going to sell my house and move to another house in Waterford. That is a town that is about 20 minutes away from Leesburg.
What is your favorite TV show? (Somaiya)
I don’t watch a lot of TV, but when I do I usually watch shows that are on the Food Network. I like to cook, so I enjoy these shows a lot. My favorite Food Network show is called Diners, Drive Ins and Dives! I want to visit some of those places! I also like a show called Modern Family - it makes me laugh! And the Big Bang Theory!

What is the best thing you cook? (Carter)
The best thing I cook is a dish called Ginger Beef. Everyone who eats it really loves it, and I often get requests for the recipe. It’s sooooo yummy! Just thinking about it makes me want to eat some now!

What’s your favorite fruit? (Victor)
Most fruits are my favorite! I especially like watermelon, raspberries and honeycrisp apples. Have you ever tried a starfruit? When I see it I think of the Frederick Douglass stars, but I have never tried it!

Where do you like to go on vacation? (Aaron)
I love to go to places that are warm with lots of fun things to do and see! I also like travelling to cities and countries that I have never been to. Some of my favorite vacations have been cruises. Those are super fun and a great way to see a lot of places!

What is the name of the elementary school that you went to when you were in the first grade? (Lucian)
I went to a private school in Charleston, South Carolina for first grade. It’s called Pinewood School and I remember riding a big red bus to get there! I also remember my first grade teacher’s name – Mrs. Bean! Here are pictures of me when I was in first grade, a long time ago!
What's your favorite season? (Victor)
My favorite season is summer, so I can relax, sleep in later and go to the pool! 😊 I bet you like to do those things too!

What is your favorite dessert? (Carter)
My favorite dessert when I go out to eat is Crème Brulee. I like to get that a lot, and also Strawberry Shortcake! My favorite dessert to make at home is probably brownies. Or cake. Or cookies. Hmm – too many favorites to pick!

What is your phone number? (Laura)
I have three phone numbers that I use! I have my house phone number, my cell phone number, and my work phone number. My work phone number is 571-252-1920.

Do you have surprises if we behave? (Makiya)
I will occasionally give small surprises for making good choices in the classroom and being a "peacemaker".

What's your favorite place to eat? (Ella)
I love going out to eat! I probably do that too much! I like Chic Filet, Del Rio, Travinia, Firebirds, La Villa Roma, The Cheesecake Factory, Blue Ridge Grille, Panera, Panda Express, Manhattan Pizza… really any place except seafood restaurants!

What is the theme of our classroom? (Lucian)
I wanted to have a circus theme, so you will see some “circus-y” things and decorations in our classroom.

Why do we have these lights? (Ella)

What a great drawing! You have seen me use the lights a lot by now! They are used to help us with our voice level! When I want the boys and girls to use a certain type of voice, I will switch the light on as a reminder of our voice level.
How long have you been teaching? (Wallace)
This is my 26th year teaching! I have taught first, second and third grades at 4 different schools in Loudoun County.

I want to know everything about you. (Max)
Wow - I would probably bore you with everything about me! 😊 But here are a few extra facts and pictures about me that I didn’t already answer. If there is anything else you want to know, just ask me! I can’t wait to learn more about all of my wonderful first graders!

I like to do fun, adventurous things! This is called iFly. It’s really cool! One time I bungee jumped off a really tall hotel called the Stratosphere - it’s about 850 feet high!

I also like to spend time outside. I have begun to garden this year and that is fun, but hard work! (So many weeds!) But ziplining is definitely not hard work - it’s very relaxing and I enjoy it a lot!

The first grade teachers and I are good friends! Here we are together this summer. Their names are Mrs. Youngs, Ms. Koons, Mrs. James and Ms. Witte.