

September 12

Dear Mom + Dad

Houston is hot + steamy – it reminds me of a DC that is tropical. Everything is going well. The crew is great. Judy Resnick (J. R.) especially has been very helpful – she has flown before as everyone in the crew has except Michael Smith, the pilot, and I.

This week we spent getting introduced to lots of people, setting up our office, meeting the crew, tasting the food and getting our G-suits, flight suits and helmets fitted. Next week I am going to see and eye doctor about glasses – no one has worn contacts except 1 person as an experiment. But perhaps by my flight, it will be okayed. I'm also going to look into getting fitted with the permalens contacts.

I am not giving my address out to anyone down here – the press have been unbelievable. Steve has it + I gave it to Carol Bradley. I'll write to Betsy + Steve + Lisa + Kit.

My home address is 801 E. NASA RD 1, WEBSTER, TEXAS 77598, and my phone number is unlisted, its: 713-480-7643. I also have a Johnson Space Center address where I can receive mail + if anyone wishes to write please give them the following:

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Thanks again for all the help – Steve + the kids seem to be doing well+ are having a good time playing with the microwave. I even had to hear it beep one night on the phone!

Enclosed are some clippings – I'll try to keep getting papers –

Love –

Christa