



END OF SUMMER FRIENDLY LETTER

NOTE: This lesson can address the following Common Core Standards: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.2.A, L.1.2.C, L.2.2.A, L.2.2.B, L.3.2.B

At the start of a school year students have a lot to say about their summer and perhaps excitement or angst about a new grade, class and teacher. It's a great time to write a letter to a faraway friend or cousin that may be experiencing the same thing.

Here's the lesson!

1. Tell the students the story line: "You're going to write a letter to someone telling them about your summer and the start of a new school year."
2. Explain to them that asking questions is an integral part of letter writing. It expresses interest in the other person and also elicits a response letter for continued dialogue. Have the students think of questions they can ask the person in their letter.
3. Show the five sections:
 - a. Greeting and questions
 - b. Describe the summer.
 - c. Express positives about the school year.
 - d. Express concerns or worries.
 - e. Conclusion

Remember: K-1st Graders are encouraged to write 1 sentence for each section, 2nd Graders 2 sentences, 3rd Graders 3 sentences and so on.

Now to write!

4. Begin by writing the date on the first line on the right side of the page.
5. Skip a line.
6. Write the greeting on the 3rd line, left side (Dear Capital Letters and a comma).
7. Skip a line.
8. Write the introductory paragraph on the next line, left side. In your own words write a greeting and ask 1-3 questions. *"Hello! How are you? How has your summer been? What have you done?"*
9. Write about your summer, what you've done, where you've gone, people you've seen.
10. Write two positive things that you know about the new school year.
11. Write any fears or things that you're nervous about.
12. Write the conclusion that wishes the friend well, *"I hope you're doing well, I can't wait to see you again..."*
13. Write the salutation centered under the body of the letter. *Your Friend, Your Cousin,*
14. Write your name UNDER the salutation.
15. Complete an envelope. Stick a stamp and send it away!