



FUN PARK or PLACE Suggestion Letter

NOTE: This lesson can address the following Common Core Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.K.1, W.1.1, W.2.1, W.3.1, W.4.1, W.5.1, L.1.2.A, L.1.2.C, L.2.2.A, L.2.2.B, L.3.2.B

This lesson is engaging because writers get to talk about a favorite fun park or place. It's also thought provoking in that it encourages students to think about their surroundings and changes that can be made.

Now for the lesson!

1. Start off by asking students to name places that they like to visit.
 - an amusement park
 - a zoo
 - a local carnival
 - a local park
 - a stadium
 - etc.
2. Give them some time to briefly share their positive experiences.
3. Ask the students if they've ever noticed anything negative or needed something that they couldn't find at that place. Give them a couple minutes to respond.
4. Explain to the students that one way to make a park aware of a need or something negative is to write a polite letter.
5. Now tell the storyline: "You're going to write a letter to the staff of a fun park. You're first going to tell them all the things that you like about the park. Then, you're going to offer a suggestion that can improve the park. Your suggestion can be realistic and possible, or imaginative and unlikely."
6. Give the students some time to think of a fun place that they like to go to and can write about.
7. As a group, brainstorm possible suggestions:
 - Create more shade
 - Add more water fountains
 - Offer more nutritious food
 - Have more snack carts
 - Create an area for babies to crawl and play
 - Add a spray ground
 - Etc.

Show the 5 sections:

- Introduction
- Describe 1st positive
- Describe 2nd positive
- Offer a suggestion
- 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!

Guide the students through the following steps. (There are samples in italics for your own guidance.)

1. Write the date on the first line, right side. Make sure the month is capitalized. Make sure there is a comma between the day and the year.
2. Skip a line.
3. Write the greeting on the 3rd line, left side (Dear Capital Letters and a comma).
4. Skip a line.
5. Write the introductory paragraph on the next line, left side. In your own words introduce yourself. Tell when you last went to the park and with whom. State your overall opinion.

Hi! My name is _____. I am 8 years old. Last month, my family and I went to Wet'n Wild. It was so fun!

6. Describe the first thing that you like about the park.

First of all, I love the wave pool. (Explain why.)

7. Describe the second thing that you like about the park.

Second of all, the water slides are so big and fast. (Describe one.)

8. Offer a suggestion and explain it.

One thing that I noticed was that there wasn't a lot of shade.

My aunt brought her baby girl. She had to leave our group often to go inside and get a break from the sun. I'm writing to ask if you can create more shade throughout the park.

9. Write a positive conclusion.

So many people like visiting Wet'n Wild. Adding more shade can make it even better for everyone. Thank you for your time.

10. Skip a line.

11. Write the salutation on the left side: Kindly, Respectfully, Sincerely, etc.

12. Write your name under the salutation.