



SPRING TIME FRIENDLY LETTER

A lot happens in spring, flowers, Easter, rain, birds, bunnies, bonfires, insects, gardening. There's a lot to talk about. It's a great time to send a letter to a faraway friend or family member!

Here's the lesson:

1. Tell the students the storyline: "You're going to write a letter to a friend or family member telling them about your Spring."
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. Brainstorm things people might see or do on Easter:

Church
Dressing up
A special meal

Easter Bunny
Painting eggs
Egg hunt

Jelly Beans
Peeps
Etc.

4. Brainstorm things that you might do or see during the Spring:

Birds
Robins
Hawks

Eggs
Flowers
Mowers

Mud
Rain
Ride bikes

Squirrels
Tree Buds
Etc.

5. Show the five sections:

- a. Greeting and questions
- b. Easter activities
- c. Spring activities
- d. A specific story
- e. Conclusion and salutation

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

NOTE: If the child writing doesn't celebrate Easter, simply have him/her write all about Spring in both sections (b and c).

Now to write!

1. Begin by writing the date on the first line on the right side of the page. Skip a line.
2. On the 3rd line, left side, write the greeting, (Dear Capital Letters and a comma).
3. Skip a line.
4. 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 was your Easter?"*
5. Write about your Easter (activities, food, treats etc.)
6. Write about your Spring, the things you've done and seen.
7. Write a specific story that was surprising, unusual or funny.
8. Write the conclusion that wishes the friend well, *"I hope you're doing well, I can't wait to see you again..."*
9. Write the salutation centered under the body of the letter. *Your Friend, Your Cousin,*
10. Write your name UNDER the salutation.
11. Complete an envelope. Stick a stamp and send it away!



A KINDERGARTNER MIGHT WRITE:

April 13, 2020

Dear Daniel,

How are you? We hunted for eggs yesterday. Then, it rained. I found a baby bird out of its nest. I miss you.

Love,
Cael

A 5th GRADER MIGHT WRITE:

April 13, 2020

Dear Daniel,

Hey! What's up? How was your Easter? Did you attend church online? What's the weather like in your area? Have you played any fun games lately?

For Easter yesterday, we joined a Zoom session for church. It was crazy, but fun. After lunch, we had an Easter egg hunt. My dad hid the eggs this year. They were so hard to find. It took us 45 minutes to find all of the eggs!

We're getting our garden ready. Our seedlings are doing really well inside. After April 15th, we'll plant them into our garden beds outside. Our strawberries are already starting to come up. Each year, we get a lot of tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers.

The weather has been nice here. My family and I take a walk almost every day. A couple of weeks ago, we saw two huge hawks. Then, when we walked the other day, we didn't see the hawks, but we saw a huge nest. We're going to check on it each time we go now.

All is well here! I hope you're doing well. I miss you and can't wait to see you again. Write back when you can. For now, stay safe and healthy.

Your friend,
Jack