



## Strawberry Patch Thank You Letter



There's still something special about writing and receiving a thank you letter. I highly doubt there's a farmer out there that wouldn't appreciate a thoughtful note from a child.

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 and L.3.2.B

Now for the lesson!

1. Tell the story line: "We just went strawberry picking. Today, we're going to write a thank you letter to the farmer who works hard to make sure there are strawberries for us to pick! You can also ask the farmer questions about growing a strawberry patch."

2. Brainstorm questions for the farmer:

- How long have you had your strawberry patch?
- What do you need to do to the strawberries?
- Do you get a lot of bugs?
- What's your favorite part about growing strawberries?
- What's the hardest part?
- Etc.

3. Show the 5 sections:

Introduction  
Describe the location  
Describe the experience  
Questions  
Conclusion

4. Show the expectations:

K-1<sup>st</sup> Graders are encouraged to write 1 sentence for each section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders-2 sentences, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders-3 sentences. 4<sup>th</sup> Graders-4 sentences, 5<sup>th</sup> Graders-5 sentences

Now to write!

Guide the students through the following steps. There's a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade sample in italics for your own guidance.

1. First line, right side, write the date. Capitalize the month, date, comma and year. Skip a line.
2. Third line, left side, write the greeting. Capitalize Dear Name and add a comma. Skip a line.
3. Write the introduction. *Hello! My name is Jake. Yesterday, I went to your farm to pick strawberries.*
4. Describe the location. *Your patch is green and beautiful! The strawberries are so red, juicy and sweet.*
5. Describe your experience there. *I picked two big baskets full! They were so heavy.*
6. Write questions for the farmer. *When did you start your strawberry patch? Is it hard to grow strawberries?*
7. Write a conclusion. *I had so much fun picking strawberries at your farm. I can't wait to go again next year!*
8. Write a salutation on the next line in the center of your paper. Capitalize the first word. Don't forget the comma!
9. Write your name UNDER the salutation.
10. Address the envelope. Stick a stamp and send it away!

