

5/26 to 6/5/2020 Library Lesson: Writing a letter to the Author/Illustrator

This was a 2-week assignment so continue on.

Grade Levels: K-2nd



Learning Targets:

- I will read for enjoyment.
- I can write a friendly letter expressing my thoughts.

Nothing to submit: Just share what you are reading with family. If you want to mail you letter to the author, you can look up the author info. on online to get an address or send to the publisher.

Lesson Directions:

1. Reading: This week is about sustained reading. You can be read to-self or you can find someone to read to. (Even your favorite toy.)

- Find something fun to read at home: book, eBooks, or a magazine; and a comfy place to read where you are away from distractions. 😊

2. Journal Topic: Is on a book you just finished or one you are currently reading.

- Write a short letter, 2-4 sentence and a picture (if you want) to the author or illustrator.

PARENTS: Length will depend on age of child-feel free to adapt.

- If you get stuck on what you want to write about, here are some examples of topics you can use. (Don't try to do them all! 😊)

- Author Letter Example Topics:

- Who was your favorite character and why?
- Describe how the characters reacted to a major story event. Would you have done the same thing?
- What did you think of the ending? Did it finish the story or does it leave it open for another book?
- Was there anything that surprised you about the story?
- What, if anything, would you change in the story?

- Illustrator Letter Example Topics:

- Describe the illustrator's style of illustrating this book. Was is colored drawing or black and white, paper tearing collage, photographs, computer created drawing, did they only use a few colors.
- Did they use illustrations to show a character's feelings or what was really happening?

For example: In the book *Dear Mrs. Larue*, the author and illustrator, Mark Teague, used black and white pen drawings to show what the dog wanted Mrs. Larue to think it was like where he was but the colored pictures showed what was really happening.

Enjoy the rest of your week!! I miss seeing all of you and hope you are all well.