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Dear Parents,

Now that second grade has come to a close, we are excited about maintaining your children's reading and thinking skills. As they enter third grade, they will be reading to learn, especially in the area of social studies and science. Please help your children by exercising their minds during the summer months. Our recommendations for them are:

1. Read five times a week for twenty minutes each time. Use a calendar and check off the days.
2. Alternate days reading with a partner and silent reading alone. After reading about two pages with a partner (a relative or friend), close the book and retell what you remember. This will improve your memory of what you have read. If you do not remember what you have read, do what good readers do—reread that part.
3. Find about five new words each time you read.
4. Once a week, pick a favorite book you read and write a letter to an important character or to the author. Look at the attached sheets as models and *rewrite your letter on loose-leaf, or on the computer. Write at least three sentences for each paragraph!*
5. Hand in a minimum of six letters in September and you will be awarded a special writing award at the Reading Olympics Assembly!

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mazzo and the
Second Grade Teachers

MODEL 1
(FOR FICTION)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____ and
you were my favorite character. You made me
laugh (or feel sad or any other feeling) when you

This reminded me of when _____

It was really cool getting to know you!

Sincerely,

MODEL 2
(FOR FICTION)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____
and you were my favorite character. I noticed
that you _____

_____.

If I were you _____

_____.

It was really cool getting to know you!

Sincerely,

MODEL 3
(FOR NON-FICTION SCIENCE OR SOCIAL
STUDIES)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____ and
found it very interesting. I remember when

This made me think (or wonder) _____

It was really cool reading about this topic!

Sincerely,

MODEL 4
(NON-FICTION ABOUT A COUNTRY)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____
and found it very interesting. I noticed that _____

This made me think _____

It was really cool learning about this country. I
hope one day I have a chance to visit there.

Sincerely,

