

# Nature Love Letters

SECOND GRADE

Use the garden as an inspiration for letter writing. Students will tour the school garden and take in all it has to offer using all of their senses. After the visit, students will write a letter to a family member describing their experience and listing what they enjoyed most. Next, students will create their own garden-inspired stamp depicting their favorite part of the garden.

## SUBJECT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ARTS

## TIME

30 MIN - 45 MIN

## MATERIALS

Lined paper, 1 sheet per student

Pencils, 1 per student

Clipboards, 1 per student

Sample letter and envelope template, 1 per student

Envelopes, 1 per student

Blank Postage Stamp Template, 1 per student

Crayons (or markers)

## DIRECTIONS

- Take students on a walk through the garden. Try locating things students can enjoy with each of their senses. For example, are there herbs for students to smell? Can students hear any garden sounds when everyone is quiet? Can students find a worm in the worm bin and feel it wiggle in their palm? Are there vibrant colored flowers for students to see?
- After your walk, gather in the outdoor classroom and talk about writing friendly letters. Ask students if they have ever written letters before? What are the parts of a letter? A friendly letter contains the date, the greeting, the body, the closing, and the signature. Read the sample letter aloud. If you have a whiteboard, write the parts of a letter on the board. Have students give their ideas about what goes in each part of a letter and brainstorm different closings.
- Hand out the clipboards, paper, envelopes, pencils, and sample letter and envelope worksheet.
- Ask students to write a friendly letter to a family member about what they loved most about the garden. Help students fill out envelopes with the school's address. Point out where the stamp would go and explain that they will be taking their letter home instead of sending their letters through the mail. If they choose to write to an out-of-town family member, have them ask their parents for a stamp to mail their letter.
- Finally, direct students to create their own special postage stamp that depicts their favorite part of the school garden. Hand out the postage stamp templates and crayons or markers.

## SOURCE

- BCK Programs



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Dear Mom and Dad,

Today was a wonderful day at school. I worked really hard and made many new friends. My whole class visited the school garden today. My favorite thing in the garden was the smell of the lavender. It smelled really good. Can we plant some lavender at our house? I hope so.

Sincerely,

Sally

My School Address  
Ask My Teacher  
Carlsbad, CA 92009



My Parents  
111 Palm Tree Street  
Carlsbad, CA 92009



