

A Letter to Next Year's Students



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Objective:



The end of the school year is a time to look back and reflect and a time to think ahead. The objective of this activity is to involve students in sharing information that will be *helpful to the students* who will follow in their footsteps.

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Overview

Students will write to a person who will occupy their desk the following year. The purpose of this letter is to give that student *advice* on what to expect regarding the teacher, the routines, and the subject matter studied. So, the best way to do this is to write an *informative letter* to next year student for what they will learn, class rules, and things you remember doing in this course to help them be *successful*, an advice, tips, etc.



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Directions

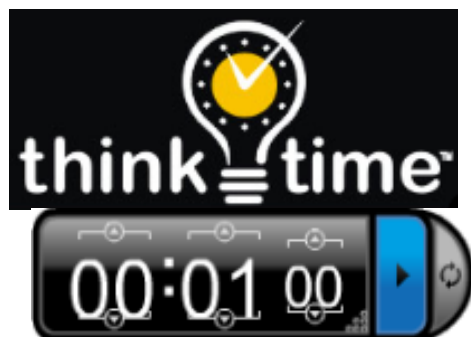
Step 1: Begin by **thinking** about the next year and the students who will be in your class. **Recall** how you felt on the **first day** of this school year: scared, anxious, or nervous?



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Step 2: Now, brainstorm/reflect what you might want to *tell someone* who is about to spend a year in this class you're leaving. Write those suggestions, memories of the class or grade, favorite projects, what you learned, advice about how *to be successful* in this class, things to do and not to do, and what the teacher is like. Keep the content with a *positive note* to help calm the jitters students often feel during the first days of a new school year.



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- ◉ ~~Ms. DeVries loves ETL~~
- ◉ ~~Homecourt Advantage~~
- ◉ Don't talk
- ◉ Ms. DeVries loves getting people in intervention
- ◉ ~~How to get used to new halls~~
- ◉ ~~Do all your work if you don't want ETL~~
- ◉ Don't take out electronics or Ms. DeVries will take them
- ◉ Don't eat in here
- ◉ Do your work in class or you get watched
- ◉ Always have your lanyard and agenda
- ◉ Don't waste time.
- ◉ **Work until the end of class and the end of the year.**
- ◉ Write your name on your paper.
- ◉ Turn in your assignments.
- ◉ ~~Don't put ungraded assignments on Ms. DeVries' desk, because they will get eaten.~~
- ◉ Treat others with respect.
- ◉ The teachers will keep you in on long lunch periods to make sure you get your work done.
- ◉ Behave
- ◉ Respect
- ◉ Keep a spare pencil
- ◉ Follow the rules
- ◉ Be prepared
- ◉ Don't be afraid to ask questions
- ◉ Don't be annoying; don't talk while the teacher is talking
- ◉ ~~Don't be out of dress code~~
- ◉ Don't trust others with your stuff, because they might lose it.
- ◉ ~~We learned about ballads.~~
- ◉ Keep your reference sheets forever.
- ◉ When you read, you get smarter.
- ◉ Keep your papers organized in the folders they give you.
- ◉ ~~If you do something good, you get punched.~~
- ◉ You can turn them in for extra credit.
- ◉ Ms. Lewis will make sure you are listening and get started on your work.
- ◉ Study.

It's **TIME** to **WRITE!**

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#IWISHMYTEACHERKNEW

Sometimes it can be hard to talk about things we feel, things we need, or things that are going on in our lives.

1. Choose a sheet of paper.
2. Write or draw what you wish that I knew.
3. Decide if you want to write your name. You do NOT need to write your name unless you want me to know it's you.
4. Fold your paper in half and put it in the box.

You've been heard. You are loved.

#NOWYOURTEACHERKNOWS



I Want
TO KNOW...

What we learn
from one student
may help us better
teach another.



**YOUR FEEDBACK
MATTERS**

***IS THERE AN IDEA
UNDER YOUR HAT?***



***Don't keep it to yourself
Use the Suggestion Box***

