

WEEK 15 Writing From the Heart



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

This week, your child is developing the valuable skill of written communication. While first-graders still have trouble expressing thoughts and feelings on paper, this is a critical age to support their continued love for words. In this week's lesson, first graders are learning the following:

- To recognize appropriate times to communicate through writing
- To encourage others through writing
- To show thoughtfulness for others by giving them a card

For the Heart of Your Child

You can reinforce your child's development of this thoughtfulness at home. Try these activities this week:

- Your child is making a card in class to give away. Ask who the card has been created for and help your child deliver it this week.
- Talk to your child about different ways you can show others you are thinking of them. Some examples include:
 - Drawing a picture for someone who is sick
 - Writing a letter to a friend
 - Giving a Valentine card to a loved one
 - Writing a card to thank someone for a gift or service
- Teach your child how to express thankfulness for birthday or Christmas gifts by writing a card to each person from whom they receive a gift. Help your child address and mail the card.

With your help at home, your child will become a thoughtful communicator through writing.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what **THOUGHTFUL** and **EXPRESSIVE** mean to your child.



THOUGHTFUL—Looking for ways to make others feel loved

EXPRESSIVE—Showing what is in my heart