

The Parent-to-Teacher Letter

The parent-teacher partnership is critical to our kids' long term success in school. Parents understand their kids' interests and passions, strengths and fears better than anyone else. Whether it's the beginning of the school year, or a return to school after any protracted absence, choose to share what you've learned about your child using the Parent-to-Teacher Letter.

The Parent-to-Teacher Letter takes a different approach to the standard introductory letter we all fill out at the beginning of the year. This template focuses on our kids' curiosity, interests they're exploring, where they've made progress in the last year, and concerns we may have.

Be proud of the work your family has been doing and be excited to share with your teachers how your child has grown.

Dear _____ **[Teacher's Name]**

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Our family goals this year included...

Describe your goals such as bonding with one another, modeling resilience, keeping a routine, or staying in good spirits.

I've noticed this about my child's curiosity, interests and passions...

Describe your child's interests—new or existing—that keep them motivated to grow and learn.

I've noticed this about my child's strengths...

This may be specific to a topic or subject (academics), actions (behavior), or reactions (emotions) that you've observed.

I've realized that my child is sometimes challenged by...

Describe subjects (academics); actions, e.g., sitting still (behavior); or reactions, such as response to setbacks (emotions). Don't worry—we all have areas for growth!

We accomplished this while we weren't in school...

Describe projects and activities, new skills, or growth in Habits such as Self-Direction, Resilience, or Executive Functions.

This is what keeps me up at night...

Parenting = worrying about your kid. Describe what's on your mind.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Warmly,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT]