

# WEEK 15 Writing From the Heart



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

This week, your child is developing the valuable skill of written communication. Second graders are learning to express their thoughtfulness in a hand-written note. Children are learning to recognize appropriate times to communicate through writing, such as to encourage others or express their feelings:

- 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.
- 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.
- Spend time writing a letter to your child this week, as a means of modeling appropriate written communication. In the letter, share with your child the joys that he or she brings to your life.
- Assist your child in writing a letter to a family member or friend this week. Help your child think of words to say to that person. Reread the letter out loud before sending, so your child can hear the words the recipient will read.

We know that with your help at home, your child will become an expressive communicator through thoughtful 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