

Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

This week, your child is developing the valuable skill of written communication. Third 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 writing a letter in class this week. Ask who the letter has been written for and help them deliver it.
- 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.

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

From Our Hearts to Yours,



THOUGHTFUL—Looking for ways to make others feel loved EXPRESSIVE—Revealing the content of your heart

