Sample Parent Letters

Read the following letters to parents. Edit and add information to personalize the message.

Letter 1:

To: The Parent(s) of (insert name of the child)

From:

Subject: Creativity and Imagination

"Inventive Thinking Lesson Plans" is a school activity which promotes analytical and creative thinking and problem solving. You and (insert lastname of spouse with tiltle Mr. or Mrs. Or Ms.) can enjoy this project at home with (insert name of the child) by encouraging creative ideas, letting (insert pronoun him or her) share ideas with the family, and by assisting (insert pronoun him or her) with making models of (insert possessive pronoun his or her) inventive ideas.

Your child (insert name of the child) will be asked to survey you, (insert possessive pronoun his or her) friends, and other family members to discover a problem that needs solving. Perhaps the cap is always left off of the toothpaste or (insert name of the child) is always losing *sneakers, pencils or mittens.* We hope that once the children find problems to solve, they will begin thinking of many ideas that might solve those problems. When they do this, they will be combining many of the skills learned in science, social studies, language, writing, art, library, math, and more. Thank you for your support in this special and imaginative adventure in learning. You will be receiving more information during the school year.

Sincerely,

(insert your name)

Letter 2:

Dear (insert name of Parent/Guardian),

Your child, (insert name of the child), is about to embark upon a very special and exciting journey!

In the weeks ahead, the focus of study for our class will be *migrating songbirds* and the many challenges-both natural and unnatural-- that are threatening their survival. Along with the students in my class, (insert name of the child) will watch Bill Kurtis and his New Explorers team as they follow the birds' migration from South America to their summer homes in the forests of southern Illinois. Activities in and out of the classroom will help (insert name of the child) explore the migration phenomenon and the important relationship between forest fragmentation and declining songbird populations.

(insert name of the child) will team up with (insert name of the child's buddy) to map the migration patterns of some popular songbirds. They will then plan a research study to find out how (insert a few words e.g. "*birds survive their long flights*"), and adapting architectural plans to make them more friendly for migrating birds. Students will play a game to

demonstrate the role of songbirds in the food chain. They will also be backyard birders and get involved in counting bird populations here at home!

We ask that you and (insert lastname of spouse with tiltle Mr. or Mrs. Or Ms.) join our class by being a part of your student's educational experience. Help us gather pictures for our journals, donate materials for our investigations, and read some of the many books about songbirds with us. If you have traveled along a songbird's major migration route or have studied some of our related topics, volunteer to come in and share your experiences with us.

Please take some time to discuss our lessons with (insert name of the child). You can enhance (insert name of the child)'s learning by visiting the library to find out more about songbirds. For even more fun, plan a meal at home with a songbird theme! And with (insert name of the child), watch for information about songbirds and forest fragmentation in the news. You may be surprised by how much is out there!

I hope you and (insert name of spouse) will remain informed of what is going on in the classroom, and as excited about this exploration as we are!

Sincerely,

(insert your name)

Letter 3:

Dear (insert name of Parent/Guardian),

During the next (insert number) weeks, we will explore the relationship between ______ and agriculture. We will focus on the importance of ______ – or the variety of life on Earth – to our lives, in particular to the food we eat and to farming. We will investigate food webs, farming impacts on ______, origins of different foods and various farming methods around the world. I encourage you to ask (insert name of the child) about what (insert pronoun either he or she) is learning about ______, and to share with them whatever experiences you have on these themes.

This unit will consist of conducting research, growing a school garden, participating in a field trip to a local farm, writing, developing oral and poster presentations, tracking food consumption and creating personal reflections. We will host a final wrap-up celebration showcasing the students' projects on (insert date) at (insert time). We hope you can attend.

If you are available to assist with any of the activities, please contact me at (insert phone number and/or email address).

For more information about this unit, please visit (insert the URL address of a webpage on your LHUPnet website) and about ______ in general, please visit the ______ website (include its URL Address here).

Sincerely,

(insert your name)

Format and Layout of Letter

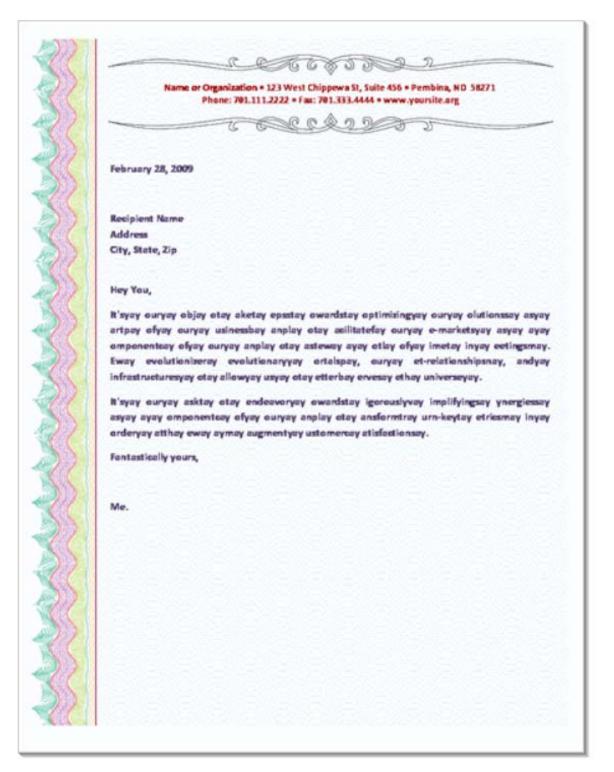
Sample 1:

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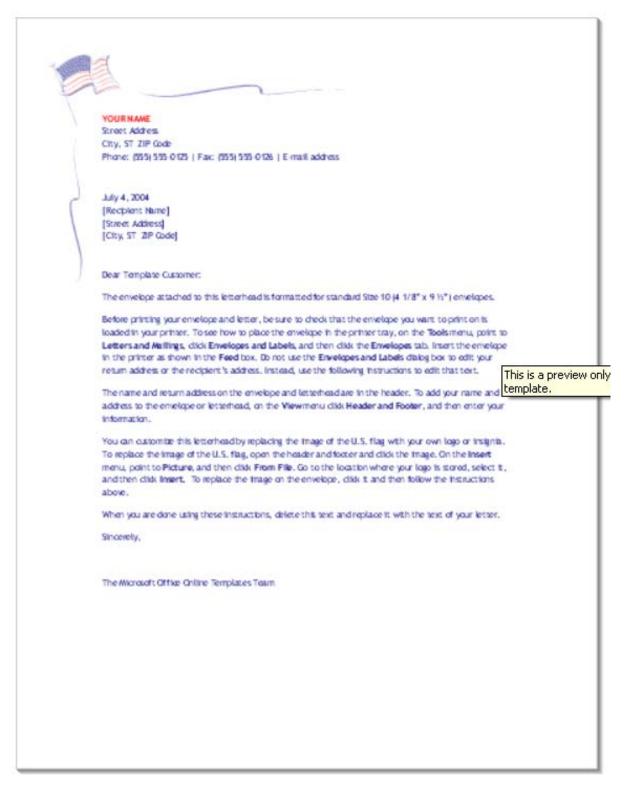
Sample 2:

Template can be used. The first page of your letter may be formatted so that the primary address and left border elements remain on the first page. Subsequent pages use the light blue wavy background only. You may wish to remove the background from page 2-forward.



Sample 3:

This letterhead template uses elements from clipart to match the content of the letter. Thanks to numerous free cliparts, backgrounds, and templates available to us as everyday counts.



Sample 4:

This letterhead template uses elements from certificates and refashions them with hip colors and layout. The main cover page is formatted so that the primary address and left border elements remain on the first page. Subsequent pages utilize the light gray diamond background only.

