

Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow

Friendly Letter

As you get ready to leave the middle school, we'd like to make some time in the last few days for you to say goodbye. We ask you to write a letter to someone you would like to thank - someone who has been special to you or helped you in some way during your three years here. The final copy will be delivered to the person you are thanking. Use the space on the back to think about this person and your relationship with him or her.

Guiding questions: What make this person special to you? What important lessons or ideas did you learn? What specific stories/moments/details stand out in your mind? What stories/moments/details capture or symbolize the impact he or she has had in your life? How has this relationship enriched your life?

Consider the list of values below. Does this person exemplify any of these values? Has this person helped you develop these traits in yourself?

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Empathy
- Respect
- Knowledge
- Creativity
- Dedication
- Loyalty
- Success
- Cooperation
- Enthusiasm
- Self-control
- Leadership

So What?

Stories/Moments/Details

What makes this person special to you?

What specific stories/moments/details stand out in your mind?

What important lessons or ideas did you **learn**?

EXAMPLES:

Ipswich Middle School Friendly
Letter Opening Paragraph
June 2019

Dear

Middle school, to me, is a transition from a kid to a young adult who's ready to take on the world. In middle school, I have learned many life lessons to help prepare me for high school and life after, and it's been a great experience. It seems like just yesterday I was walking into sixth grade for the first time. This year you have taught me to be a self motivated learner who isn't afraid to ask questions.

Dear

For me, middle school has been full of shifts. Shifts from one day to the next, one month to the next... Every Summer I waited to move up, to be a grade older. It didn't seem to take too much time - the summers passed quickly. But the gap from 6th grade to 8th grade still feels extremely short. I knew that things would change throughout my three years here, but I didn't suspect 8th grade XXXXX would play a part. From the first day, the class was a complete shift, lead by a tireless leader who always kept me going.