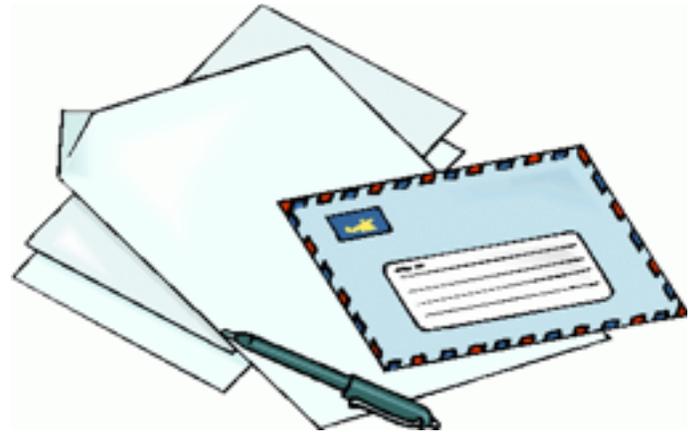


Write a **LETTER** to your Favorite **AUTHOR**

We have been spending time thinking about what makes a “good fit” book. We use the five finger rule. We consider our favorite genres . . . and also who some of our favorite authors are.

Let’s focus on an **AUTHOR** and write to him or her!



STEP # 1: Choose a favorite author who is alive today.

STEP # 2: Using a friendly letter format (with a **heading, greeting, body, closing, and signature**), write a letter to one of your favorite authors! We have included a template to help you remember the parts of a letter. Be sure you have read at least one of this author’s books.

STEP # 3: Write a thoughtful, personal letter. Don't just ask questions. Tell the author something about yourself and why you enjoyed his or her book and writing. Writing is a lonely business. Authors enjoy hearing from readers. Your letter may inspire an author to keep writing!

I will help you get the best publisher's address for your author. At school on Friday, we will work to accurately address an envelope. We will even include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the author . . . who knows, maybe you will get mail back . . . !

On the back you will find some things that you should include:

Not sure how to get started?

Here are some things you should include in your letter:

- Start your letter by telling the author about yourself in two to three sentences.
- Tell them how you found out about their book(s).
- Write about how you feel about them and their writing.
- Describe how their writing has impacted you. Has it changed how you feel or think about something?
- Compliment them!
- Mention that you hope to hear back from them.

