Monday, April 6th, 2020

Dear Students,

I was very sad to hear the news that we most likely will not be returning to school this year. This school year has been one of my favourites in all of my years of teaching! It is one of the best years because of your wonderful personalities and how friendly, kind, respectful, and hardworking you all are. We will have to think of ways to make the best of our new situation and stay connected with each other for the rest of the school year. Do you have any ideas?

It has been over a month since we have seen each other! Let me tell you what I have been doing. Over the March Break – and certainly before the Coronavirus was such a serious worry, I went to Florida with my sister-in-law, niece, two nephews, and their children (there were 13 of us all together). The weather was beautiful and we had a lot of fun. After the break, I had to stay home for 14 days and that is why I could not return to school. Last week I decided to paint my entire kitchen to help pass the time when I am not working. I am going to paint the cupboards, countertop, walls, and ceiling. Therefore, the house is in a bit of a mess but it is going to look great when it is finished. After this weekend, I think I will be about half-finished (I got some help from Ted but not much from the boys). What will be next on my list you ask? I am thinking of learning how to bake homemade bread and hopefully the snow will melt soon so I can work in my flower gardens! What are you doing with your extra free time?

I hope that each one of you, as well as your families are all healthy. It is important for everyone to follow the guidelines of Public Health and stay home as much as possible. We will think of ways to make this ‘Home Learning’ be the best that it can be. I will call you each week to see how you are doing. Please be as kind and cooperative with your parents as you were with me at school. I miss you all very much.

Your teacher,

Mrs. Carroll

How to write a Friendly Letter

1. **Date** – Starting in the upper right hand corner of your paper, write today’s date.
2. **Greeting** – Next, move down and over to the left hand side of your paper to write the greeting. The greeting usually starts with the word “Dear”, followed by the person’s name who you are writing to and then a comma.
3. **Body** – Now you are ready to write the body of your letter. This is where you will write your message to the person who will receive your letter. Remember that each ‘part’ of your letter should be in its own paragraph (you could have an opening paragraph, middle paragraph(s), and a closing paragraph). Also, start each sentence with a capital letter and finish with the proper punctuation.
4. **Closing** – At the bottom right hand corner of your paper, write the closing. The closing might say “Sincerely” or “Your friend”. A comma follows the closing.
5. **Signature** - Under the closing, write your name.