LETTER WRITING WITH STUDENTS

Operation Gratitude sends 250,000+ Care Packages each year to Deployed Troops, Veterans, New Recruits, and First Responders. Of all the items included in these Care Packages, personal letters of appreciation are often the most cherished!

Support our efforts from your classroom! Engage your students in a multi-disciplinary activity providing lessons in Writing Skills, Grammar, Civics, History, Social Studies, and Art! Prompt students to write thoughtful letters to our Heroes, at home and abroad.

**LETTER WRITING TIPS**

➔ Write to a: Deployed Troop, New Recruit, Veteran, First Responder
➔ Start with a salutation, such as “Dear Hero” or “Dear Brave One”
➔ Express thanks for others’ selfless service
➔ Please do not include the date or year on your letter or card
➔ Share personal stories or interests, e.g. Family, Pets, Sports, Hobbies, Movies
➔ Use students’ FIRST NAMES ONLY. Include the School Name, Teacher, and Contact Information (mailing address or email) on every letter so recipients can write back
➔ Are your students too young to write letters? We welcome drawings or paintings; please add a note to kids’ drawings with their age. Please also avoid glitter!

Sort and label letters by Deployed Troop, Veteran, New Recruit, and First Responder. Place all sorted letters and artwork in a large envelope or box. (Please, NO INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPES.)

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