

Literary Letters

KEEP THIS SHEET! You will refer to it throughout the school year as you write lit letters to me each of the remaining card-markings.

Literature letters are friendly letters that you will write to me which will only be read by me. In the letter, you will discuss the book you are reading independently at home and/or SSR. You do not have to be finished with a book to write a lit letter about it. It's okay to be in the middle of it. You cannot write a lit letter about a book that you haven't started yet or that you have just started. You should be at least 1/3 of the way through the book to write about it. I expect the letters to be substantial, thoughtful, and focused on the qualities of the book and your thoughts about it.

Follow this format for all of your lit letters this year:

1. Greet me at the beginning of the letter. (Dear Mrs. Corriveau,)
2. In your first paragraph, identify your book (underline the title), author, genre, and indicate where you are in the course of reading it. Also, tell how you came to read this book (recommendation from a friend, picked it up because the cover looked cool, etc.).
3. In the second paragraph, tell me the setting of the novel (time and place) and describe the central characters and conflict(s) they face. Tell a little about the plot here, but don't give a looooong synopsis!
4. In the third paragraph, copy a passage that you find particularly interesting or well written. Explain why you chose it and what your reaction to it is. Be sure to give the page number. Do not copy a two page passage