Dear Families,

Students will write lots of letters this month in writing workshop as part of our persuasive letter writing unit of study. They will search for problems to solve and choose audiences to address. They will draft, revise, and edit their letters. Finally, the letters will go out into the world. We need your help with this last part. Here are the two things you can do to help us:

• Donate envelopes and stamps (first-class stamps and any size envelope).

• Help your child find addresses of family members and friends.

We will provide address slips for you to fill out if your child needs to get an address from home. If you get one of these address slips from your child, please print the address so your child can recopy it onto an envelope during the next day’s writing workshop. The address slip will look like the one below.

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| Your child needs to mail a letter to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The address is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

We realize some of you may not be comfortable with your child using his or her own home address as the return address on the letter. We will use the school’s address as the return address for each letter we mail.

Finally, we hope you will enjoy receiving these persuasive letters yourself. In the years past, students have written to their parents to try to persuade them to agree to a later bedtime, to thank them for packing the best snack, or just to say “I love you.” We hope you will treasure each one of the letters your child writes to you, and we hope you write back to each one.

Sincerely,