


Fluency with "Heart Words" Builds Writing Stamina.

Our Most Important Message: "Dear First Grade Teacher..."

Messages from Mrs. Nelson's Kindergarten

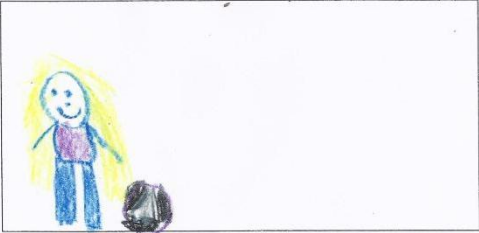
JUN 05 2012
Name Athan Palmore Date _____



Dear teacher my soccer teams
name is handlers. some of
my favorite subjects in school
are math and reading and writing
books. My favorite book is Little House
I have two cats. I like football.

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JUN 05 2012
Name Kaley Johnson Date _____



Dear teacher
I am 5 years old I
love dogs. Teacher can
we study dogs? I am
good at soccer I like every
animal! I never touched a fish

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Dear Teacher, My soccer team's name is Handlers. Some of my favorite subjects are math and reading and writing. My favorite book is Little House books. I have two cats. I like football. I love PE. It is really fun. I like running. My favorite game is Clue and Life. I am 6 years old. I love animals. I am especially interested in Giant Pacific octopus.

Dear Teacher, I am 5 years and I love dogs. Teacher, can we study dogs? I am good at soccer. I like every animal! I never touched a fish. I love my dogs and my cats because they love me. Dogs are my favorite animal. My favorite color is pink. I have two dogs, Maizie-Mo and Edwin.

Kaley wrote 55 words: 38 "heart words" and 17 phonetically spelled words. Athan wrote 65 words: 37 "heart words" and 17 phonetically spelled words.

We highlighted "heart words" that Athan and Kaley instantly knew. Notice—we had just introduced the *Sing, Sign, Spell, and Read!* word "favorite."