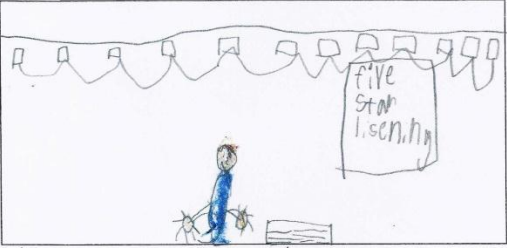


Our Most Important Informational Message: "Dear First Grade Teacher..." Messages from Mrs. Nelson's Kindergarten

JUN 05 2012

Name Athan Payne Date _____



Dear teacher my soccer team's name is handlers. some of my favorite subjects in school are Math and Reading and Writing. My favorite book is Little House books. I have two cats. I like football.

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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 used 38 "heart words" and 17 phonetically spelled words. Athan used 37 "heart words" and 27 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." Over 50% of the words these proficient writers used are high-frequency "heart words"!

Fluency with "heart words" builds writing stamina.