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Macomb, MI 48044
September 12, 2012

Dear Fourth Grader,

I am requesting you to write a friendly letter in cursive each week to Mrs. Pizzo about the book you are reading for Independent Reading. There are some guidelines I need you to follow. Please choose one of the topics below to write about. Put the number of the topic you are writing about in your letter. Remember to use the "friendly letter format" for your letter just like this letter, page 295-296 in your English book, or the poster example in the room. Your letter is due **each** Friday in the Reading Tray.

1. Something that surprises you, you find interesting or funny, and why
2. What you like or dislike about the book and why
3. An interesting or important character that you describe
4. How the book reminds you of yourself, people you know, or of something that happened in your life
5. How the book reminds you of other books, especially the characters, events, or setting
6. How the illustrations add meaning to the story
7. The ending and how you feel about it
8. Whether you would recommend the book to another reader and why
9. How the author builds suspense or makes you want to keep reading
10. What you want to remember about this book

If you have finished a chapter book, your assignment for the week will be a book report instead of a letter. Please select a report from the "Better than Book Reports" book at the writing center. Each student needs to complete 2 books and book reports **each semester** and a **letter each week** if they are still reading the same chapter book. These will be graded assignments. I hope you are excited about this reading project.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pizzo

IR Letter Rubric:

Expectations:	Points Possible
1. Friendly letter format: heading, greeting, body, closing, signature	3
2. Topic chosen from this sheet, written in letter, and written about in letter	1
3. Written in best handwriting	1
Total	5

HEADING
(Street address
City, State, Zip
Today's Date)

Dear Mrs. Pizzo,

(Body of letter:
include Topic #)

From,
(Signature)