



A FRIENDLY LETTER ABOUT A UNIQUE PET

Have the students choose a calendar page of an animal that is NOT typically a pet.

Now for the lesson!

1. Tell the students the storyline: "You're going to write a friendly letter to anyone, telling them about the new pet you got."
2. Brainstorm ideas: "Look at your calendar page. What are some interesting things you can say about your new pet?"
3. Outline the sections on a whiteboard:
Date, Greeting, Introduction, Main Idea/Purpose, Funny story, Conclusion, Salutation and Name.

Now to write!

Guide the students through the following steps so their story is organized and complete. They are free to write these ideas in their own words.

4. Begin writing by first writing the date on the first line on the right side of the page.
5. Skip a line.
6. Write the greeting on the 3rd line, left side (Dear Name of the person, comma).
7. Skip a line.
8. Write the introductory paragraph on the next line, left side. "In your own words, write, '*Hello! How are you?*' and ask 1-3 questions."
9. Write the main idea and purpose of the letter. "In your own words, write, '*You won't believe the new pet I got. I have a _____. Describe it in detail.*'"
10. Create and write a short funny story/incident that happened with the pet.
11. Write the conclusion that wishes the friend well, "*I hope you're doing well, I can't wait to see you again, maybe you can come visit next summer to see it.*"
12. Write the salutation under the body of the letter and centered.
13. Write your name UNDER the salutation.