

Parent Letter: Due March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Hello Parents,

Thanks so much for taking the time to write a congratulatory letter to your child. This letter is meant to provide wisdom, appreciation, advice, reflection and congratulations for your soon-to-be graduating student. The following information will explain how to accomplish this task.

1. I only collect the letters in March and redistribute them to students on the last week of school: I WILL NOT READ THESE LETTERS. I understand that some of the subject matter may be private, so I have no intentions of reading the letters.
2. Students receive a participation grade for this assignment. Please write a letter to them—even if it's a short one. Just saying congratulations is enough if you find yourself short on time.
3. The letter can range from one sentence to as long as you'd like. It can be hand written or typed.
4. Please give your child the letter in a sealed envelope. Don't let them read it—make them wait until June!
5. Have fun with this! Students have had strong reactions to their letters: tears of joy, appreciation, and laughter are often what follow the reading of their letter.
6. Some parents have included small gifts (that's up to you).
7. The ultimate purpose is for students to receive that final message from their parents prior to graduation. I've found that it really helps make their final week at Vista a positive one.

Thanks for your cooperation. Should you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Mr. Stein

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