

Parent Guide to the

# Comma Usage in Letter Writing

## Today's Standard

2.L.2b - Use commas in greetings and closings of letters.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a thank-you note; Sending a holiday card; Writing a letter to a pen pal; Composing an email to a teacher; Creating a friendly letter to a family member

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about using commas in the greetings and closings of letters. This helps make our writing clear and easy to read.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids might think that commas aren't needed in greetings and closings, but they are. Others might put the comma in the wrong place. We need to put the comma after the greeting and before the closing.

## Quiz Me

- Where do we put a comma in a letter?
- What is a greeting in a letter?
- What is a closing in a letter?
- Why do we use commas in letters?
- Can you show me where to put a comma in this letter?

#### Help Me

Using commas in greetings and closings helps us write clear letters. For example, when you write 'Dear Grandma,' you need a comma after 'Grandma'. When you end a letter with 'Love,' you need a comma before your name.