

## Hints for Writing to a Pen Pal

- The first letter should be short. It's just a way to introduce yourself and get the other person interested in writing back to you.
- Tell them your name, your age, what school you go to, who you live with, and your favorite things to do.
- In subsequent letters you can tell them about your family, friends and some fun facts about you.
- Ask your pen pal questions about their friends and family, what they like to do and interesting places they've been.
- Tell them about any pets you have. Ask them about any pets they might have.
- Finish your letter in a way that invites a reply. For example, "I look forward to getting to know you better and I hope to hear from you soon."
- Sign off with something cheerful that encourages friendship. For example, "Your friend" or "Your pen pal."
- Be honest and share only what you feel comfortable sharing.
- Have fun making a new friend across the ocean!