



Writing Annotations

Grade: **6**

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Prompt: Your school has decided to start having after- school clubs for students. Transportation will be provided for kids interested in staying. The principal wants student ideas about possible clubs and activities. What club would you most like to see included? Write a multi-paragraph letter to the club selection committee. Convince them that your proposed club should be selected.

Writing Sample

010612

Grade 6 Year 2001

1 I want the sports club in North middle School
2 I want in the club big swimming pool so I can
3 learn to swim and a basket to play basket ball
4 I want there alot of board games, I want
5 there to be all the kinds of pizza and hamburgs,
6 From drinks I want there to be hot tea and al
7 the kinds of pop.

Writing Sample

010616

Grade 6 Year 2001

Melissa

Jan 11, 2001

Dear Club Selection Committee,

I have a great idea for an after school club. I don't have a name for it just yet so I'll just explain it to you and why I think it would be a good selection. My idea is a horseback riding club. I think it would a good selection because it will provide people who don't have good balance to work on their balance skills, they could develop hand, leg, eye coordination, the students could learn to work their hands and legs in sync (together). I think that all the disabled students would be able to regain some of the muscles they have lost. That's why I think my club would be the best to be involved in after school.

Sincerely

Melissa

1 Dear Club Committee,

2 The club that I want most to be included
3 is the soccer club. There should be a soccer
4 club because there isn't one in our school. All
5 kinds of other clubs like basketball, volleyball,
6 and baseball are excepted, but not soccer.

7 Soccer is a well liked sport by many
8 young generations. All ages can play from
9 toddler to adult. Soccer is a sport that all people
10 have fun playing. If you have a soccer club at
11 school everybody would get to watch the people
12 in the club do their skills and talent.

13 Soccer is one of my favorite sports. A lot
14 of people like it to at Middle School. They
15 like to play it during recess, and pretend they're
16 in teams of two and play against each other.

17 Kids at Middle School want a soccer
18 club for their own to show their skills and
19 talent, to be happy, and to do their most favorite
20 hobby at school. So please make a soccer club for
21 the kids to be happy.

22 The soccer club is what I want most
23 to be included!

24 Sincerely,

25 Alana [REDACTED]

January 12, 2000

Dear members of the club selection committee,

I think that the idea of having different clubs for children to join is a great plan, that will benefit every child who joins. I know that these clubs will achieve so much throughout the year. In my opinion, a club that will provide many educational purposes is a drama club. Drama clubs are a fun experience for all, and there is so much to learn from them. One thing that the children participating in Drama Club will learn is good social skills. In life, almost everything requires social skills. To get a job, you need to be polite and have respect for the person who is interviewing you, and the boss. Learning to show this skill is taught in drama clubs. Working with other people forces the children to learn to cope with various personalities and lifestyles. This tool will become more and more valuable to kids as they get older.

Another ability that students within the drama club will learn or improve, is their memory. Memorizing your lines is demanded of children in Drama Club.

Writing Sample

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Grade 6 Year 2001

Memory is a key skill to have in your life since many activities cannot be done without it. For example, if you were to forget where you put your car keys, you can't go to that important meeting, ball game, etc. Memorizing your lines is a big responsibility. Taking on responsibilities is another valuable lesson taught in drama clubs. If you are not responsible, you will lose something. Whether it is your job, or your house, it will prove costly. In drama clubs, the same concept is enforced upon students. If they do not act responsible, and memorize their lines, they will lose their part. Of course, this is not as severe as losing your job or house, but it gets the message across.

I know that the kids will thrive on Drama Club, and that you will make the best choices for the education of our school. Thank you for your time in reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Morgan [redacted]

1 Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

2 My name is [REDACTED] and I am a sixth grade
3 student at this school. The reason I am writing
4 this letter to you is so you could have my opinion
5 and ideas about what I think the new after
6 school club should be.

7 I think that the club should be a book club.
8 Personally I love to read. I would just be delighted
9 if I had someone to discuss the books I
0 read with. This Club would obviously encourage
1 reading and would help kids find good books to
2 read. I would also encourage less TV and less
3 sitting around all day on the couch eating
4 potato chips. As you read more and more you
5 learn more and more. Another reason I think
6 we should have a book club is that kids will
7 have adventures. They'll fly to the moon and live
8 to tell about it, or they will create troublesome
9 spells. Of course, as with most clubs, lots of
10 friends will be gained.

11 My ideas on what should take place
12 during each 45 minute session are these.
13 At least one chapter will be read. There will be short
14 discussions on what everyone has just read. Then
15 there will be a big group discussion with everyone
16 in that grade.
17 There will be groups with five or six people

28 for the short discussions and in which the
29 reading of the chapter will take place. Every
30 three weeks there will be new groups. Whenever
31 new groups are chosen a new book will also
32 be chosen. Books will always be chosen by
33 students. Whoever chooses the book will come up
34 with at least 3 discussion topics and/or questions.
35 The selection process will be alphabetical
36 by name and grade. Each grade will have a
37 different book, assuming that there are enough
38 people in each grade.

39 Once again I would like to say that
40 I would love to have a book club to discuss
41 books with. I hope you give some thought
42 and consideration to my idea. Thank you for
43 taking time out of your schedule and
44 reading this. I greatly appreciate it.

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47 Sincerely

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