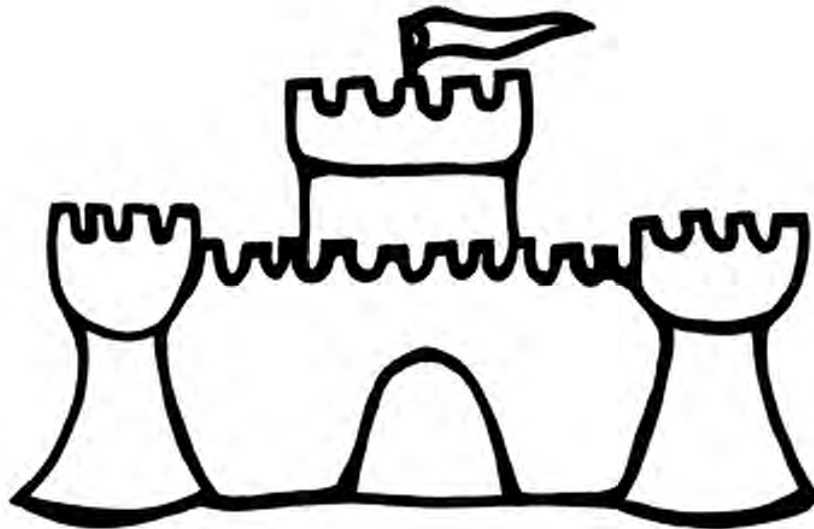


The Big Bad Wolf and the Friendly Letter



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Once upon a time, in a faraway land, the Big Bad Wolf decided to change his evil ways. He wanted to become the Fabulous, Friendly Wolf. The wolf needed help. He had no idea how to become friendly, so he visited the Friendly Fairy.



He asked the Friendly Fairy to turn him into the Fabulous, Friendly Wolf. The Friendly Fairy was quite pleased the wolf wanted to change his evil ways, but she would only grant him the wish if he was able to earn it. She proclaimed, "In order to become friendly, you need to write a friendly letter to one of the three pigs."

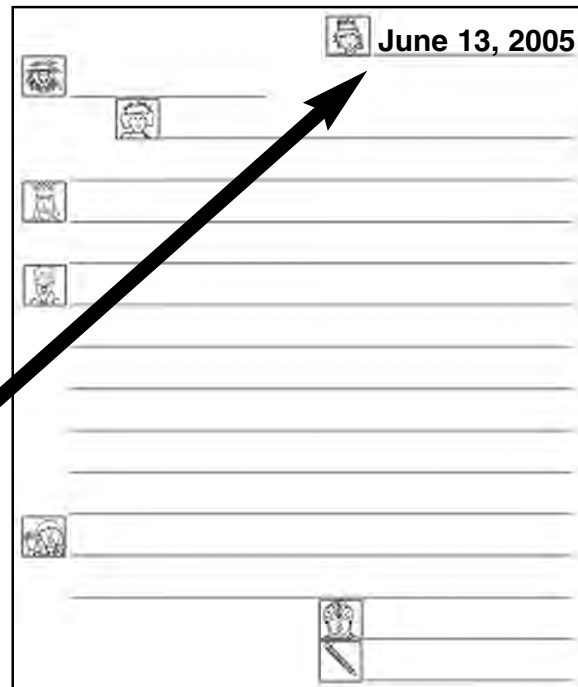


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Poof! The Friendly Fairy presented the wolf with the friendly letter page. She said, "Many different characters from the kingdom will come to help you learn how to write the friendly letter. You must learn the rules they teach you, or you won't become the Fabulous Friendly Wolf!"



Word spread quickly throughout the kingdom. Many different characters gathered to help the wolf learn how to write a friendly letter.



Prince Heading was the first to arrive. He said, "I'm so happy to help you write your letter. Of course you know that the the heading is the date. The heading is very important, so Mr. Pig will know when you wrote the letter." Next, Prince Heading told the wolf the heading rule: "You capitalize the month, write the date with a comma, then the year. Good luck with your letter filled with news and good cheer!"



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Dear Mr. Pig,

After Prince Heading left, in pounced Dear Lion, in charge of the greeting! He roared, "Some call me King of the Jungle, but I am really Dear Lion, in charge of the greeting! Your greeting needs to let Mr. Pig know the letter is for him." Next, Dear Lion told the wolf the greeting rule: "Capitalize dear and the name, then end it with a comma. Keep the greeting simple, without the drama!"

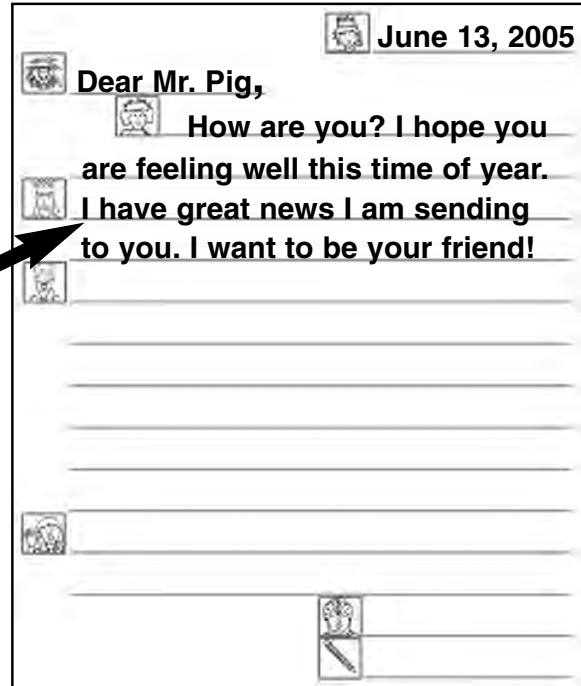


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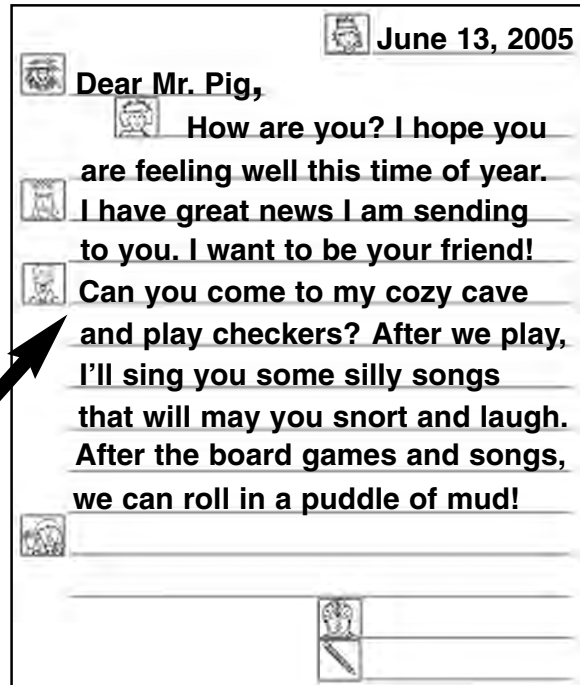
Dear Mr. Pig,

How are you? I hope you are feeling well this time of year.

After Dear Lion left, in waltzed Queen Manners. She declared, "I am in charge of the opening to make sure you have good manners. Ask Mr. Pig how he is feeling, before you give him your news." Next, Queen Manners told the wolf the opening rule: "Indent, then write 'How are you?' with a capital and question mark; that's all you do."



After Queen Manners left, in charged King Idea. He bellowed, "As King, I am the ruler of big ideas! The topic sentence is the big idea of the letter. In a friendly letter, the topic sentence is the news you want to share with a friend or a question you ask a friend. You have news to tell Mr. Pig. He needs to hear you are now a fabulous, friendly wolf." Next, King Idea stated the topic sentence rule: "Ask a question or tell some news! Make it important and you won't lose."



After King Idea left, in marched the Duke of Details. He announced, "Details, details, details! You need to write details about the topic sentence. You told Mr. Pig you want to be friendly, so write three different things you can do to be friendly." Next, the Duke of Details told the wolf the details rule: "Write one, two, three details that tell about your news. Make sure you stick to the topic - don't get confused!"



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How are you? I hope you are feeling well this time of year. I have great news I am sending to you. I want to be your friend! Can you come to my cozy cave and play checkers? After we play, I'll sing you some silly songs that will may you snort and laugh. After the board games and songs, we can roll in a puddle of mud! I hope you want to be friends. Write me back and let me know.

After the Duke of Details left, in sauntered Sir Gallant of Goodbyes. He stated, "I offer my advice, since I am known for my goodbyes. End your letter with nice words and ask Mr. Pig to write you back." Next, Sir Gallant of Goodbyes told the wolf the goodbye rule: "Write a sweet ending, make it polite. 'Write me back soon' may sound just right."



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Your friend,

After Sir Gallant of Goodbyes left, the Knight of Closing charged in. He demanded, "Now that you said your goodbyes, you need a closing. The closing is an honorable way to end your letter. You may close with 'Your friend,' since you will now be Mr. Pig's friend!" Next, The Knight of Closing told the wolf the closing rule: "Capitalize the first word and place a comma at the end. This is my closing rule that no one shall bend!"



Poof! At the end of the letter, the Friendly Fairy appeared. She announced, "Congratulations! I officially declare you Mr. Fabulous, Friendly Wolf!" After that, the Friendly Fairy sang the signature rule: "Your letter was perfect, so please sign your name. You have won friendly letter fame!"

From that day on, Mr. Pig and Mr. Fabulous, Friendly Wolf were best friends!

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Your friend,
Mr. Wolf