

Greetings from your band part of this lovely packet!

I do expect that you will **choose to practice your instrument for at least 30 minutes four to five times a week**. That is not asking a lot, friends...120 minutes out of 10,080 minutes in a week. More bonding time than that with you and your instrument is always appreciated and you are setting the group up for more success!!

If you want more/different music to play or need help with something in the music, please message me on Remind! I will find a way to make it happen. Percussionists, please check out the video of Rudiments on the Vic Firth website under the Education tab.

Along with practicing in these three weeks, I would like you to **please write me one formal letter**. On the flip side of this paper, please find an example of the formal letter and a blank piece of notebook paper. It is all included! Yippee!! You have four choices or you can run another music related idea by me via Remind if you don't like these. After you write this letter, maybe write a letter to a family member or family friend you don't see often and send it to them too!

CHOICES

- Why should a 6th grader continue into 7th grade band next year? What fun things will they get to do with us?
- Why is it important to have band in school?
- What do you think our band needs to do better? How can we do this? (If a problem is presented, we must always present a solution to fix it!)
- Why have you chosen until now to stay in band? (Although I do hope that you will choose to continue next year as well... :))

Please be sure to include the following items in your handwritten letter:

- ☐ Sender address and information (you can make up an address if you would like)
- ☐ Formally written out date
- ☐ Person receiving information (you can use take the information from Sender Info on my example)
- ☐ Greeting
- ☐ Paragraph 1 - 4+ sentences introducing why you are writing this letter (based on the topic you chose). Concluding sentence of this paragraph should transition into the next paragraph.
- ☐ Paragraph 2 - 4+ sentences rationalizing or explaining why using examples, stories, other evidence to prove the point you are trying to prove or explain.
- ☐ Chunk 3 - No sentence criteria but please include a conclusion that restates your point about why you have written this letter based upon the topic you chose.
- ☐ Please end with a closing line (Sincerely, Musically, Best regards, Thanks for your time, etc.) and sign your name at the bottom.

As always, if you need anything while on this weird hiatus from school, PLEASE reach out to me via email or Remind. I will find you the things that you need or can connect you with someone else who can be of assistance. rgamble@usvschools.org or text "81010" with the message "@usvb "I got you and miss you, BandFam!

With lots of love, handwashing, and continued music advancement,

Ms. Gamble

Ms. Gamble
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> (sender of
information)

Monday, March 16, 2020

— (date)

A Wonderful member of the BandFam
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Woodwind Percussion, Brass 13531

> (person
receiving
information)

Dear wonderful member of the BandFam,

Your assignment from band comes in the shape of writing a semi-formal letter. While there are more details on the back of this page, I wanted you to have a clear example of my expectations. The above layout should be present; that is one example of the order in which addresses could be placed.

Next, that first paragraph (4-5 sentences each) should address the reason you are writing this letter. Your closing sentence should lead into your second paragraph which is going to provide details and examples about your reason for writing.

This third chunk is a conclusion. It may not be 4-5 sentences, and that is okay! Finally, we end with a closing - cheesy or normal.

Musically,
Ms. Gamble