

## Writing a Friendly Letter

Study the parts of a friendly letter shown below. Use the stationery on the next page to write a letter to a friend or relative.

Every letter begins with a greeting, (such as *Dear*) followed by the person's name. A comma always follows the name.

The date belongs at the top of the page, in the right-hand corner.

September 2, 2010

Dear Aunt Lynn,

This is the body of the letter.  
The body is the main part of the letter.

I started third grade today! The kids in my class seem very friendly. Our classroom is really neat! We have a turtle, a rabbit, and a snake. All of the students will have a chance to take care of the animals during the school year. I hope I get to take the snake home with me; it will scare Jenna.

I have to go do my homework now.

Kind regards,

All letters end with a closing. The first word in the closing is always capitalized. A comma follows the closing.

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The writer signs the letter. This is the signature.