

## Core Skills Analysis

### Language Arts

- Developed basic writing skills by composing letters to their pen pal.
- Expanded vocabulary through the process of expressing thoughts and feelings.
- Gained an understanding of sentence structure and punctuation from writing exercises.
- Learned about the importance of audience and purpose in writing by considering how to communicate with a peer.

### Geography

- Gained awareness of different countries and cultures through correspondence with a pen pal.
- Learned to recognize various countries on a map and understand basic geographical concepts.
- Explored similarities and differences in lifestyles, customs, and traditions with their pen pal.
- Developed curiosity about global diversity, fostering a sense of connection with others around the world.

### Social Studies

- Understood the concept of friendship as it transcends geographic boundaries.
- Learned the importance of cultural exchange and building relationships with others.
- Practiced empathy by trying to see the world from their pen pal's perspective.
- Enhanced communication skills and respect for different viewpoints through dialogue.

### Tips

As students gain confidence in writing letters, they could further explore writing in different formats, such as postcards or email communication. Introducing interactive geography games could further enhance their understanding of the world and enrichment activities such as cultural presentations can allow them to share what they have learned with their peers, making the learning experience collaborative and engaging.

### Book Recommendations

- [Dear Miss Gregory](#) by Adele Whitby: A heartwarming story about a girl's friendship across the globe through pen pal letters.
- [Pen Pal](#) by Sharon J. McIteran: A delightful tale about a young boy who begins a pen pal adventure and learns about different cultures.
- [Let's Write a Letter!](#) by Kathy Ellen: An engaging book introducing children to the joy of letter writing and connecting with friends.