Dear [name],

We will be writing letters to each other about your reading. Our letters will help you think about your reading and will help me to learn about you as a reader. When you write your letters in your reading journal, do your best work and share your best thinking. Here are some things you might want to talk about:

• tell what you like or dislike about the book and why.
• tell about parts of your book that puzzled you or made you ask questions.
• tell what you noticed about the characters, such as what made them act as they did or how they changed.
• write about something in the book that surprised you or that you found interesting.
• write your predictions and about whether your predictions were right.
• ask for help in figuring out the meaning of your book.
• tell about the connections that you made while reading the book. Tell how it reminds you of yourself, of people you know, or of something that happened in your life. It might remind you of other books, especially the characters, the events, or the setting.
• write about the author’s style and how it makes you feel.
• write about the language the author used and why you think the author wrote this way.
• write about the author’s skill, what worked or what didn’t work.

Please use letter form and include the title and author of your book. It is important that your letter is neat and easy to read so I can understand what you are trying to say. Please read through your letter when you are done to check for your best spelling, punctuation, and grammar. I can’t wait to read about your reading!

Love,

Ms. Byrne