

**To:** Parents and teachers of Grade 4 - 6 learners

**Topic:** Diary entry

**Message Objectives:** To teach learners about diary writing; To help learners use diaries to document events and express their feelings

**Message:**

A diary is a personal document that records an individual's account of an incident or a day in one's life. Its purpose is to record and reflect on personal experiences. It allows one to express emotions, record dreams or ideas, and reflect on daily life in a safe, private space.

Features of a diary entry:

- Date and day, but stating the time is optional
- Entries written regularly e.g. daily or weekly
- Usually written in past tense
- Written in first person
- Written in full sentences
- Events described in a logical sequence
- Informal
- Writing for oneself

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**Reference:**

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