Write A Letter To Support Our Troops!

For children in grades 3 – 6:

All who serve our nation deserve to be thanked for their commitment and bravery. A letter expressing your gratitude can go a long way to lift their spirits and show how much we appreciate them! Completed letters following the guidelines below should be dropped off at the Library in the Children's Department in the "Community Service Collection Box". Please include a separate piece of paper with your child's name, school, grade, and an email address where the community service certificate can be sent. Each letter will earn .5 hours of community service. There is a limit of 10 letters per month, which earn 5 hours of credit. Please email Children's Librarian, Marcela Lenihan at marcela@emmaclark.org with any questions.

Letters will go to Deployed Troops, Veterans, Wounded Heroes, Recruit Graduates, First Responders, and Caregivers via Operation Gratitude – you can read the full description of their Letters of Gratitude program here: https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks-virtual-groups/write-letters-virtual/

General Guidelines:

- All letters should begin with "Dear Hero"
- FIRST NAMES ONLY – do not include your last name. You can include your age.
- Express your thanks for their service
- Keep things light – be positive!
- Share about yourself – family, pets, favorite sports, hobbies, or other interests
- Let them know you support them
- You can decorate your letters with coloring and drawings

Sample sentences to get you started:

- Thank you for serving America – come home soon!
- Thank you for defending our country. You are my hero.
- Thank you for keeping us safe.
- Thank you for serving our country – be safe.
- I pray that you come home safely.

Ideas of things to share about yourself:

- I like to play _____. What is your favorite sport?
- My favorite book is _____. What is your favorite book?
- I have a dog named _____. Do you have any pets at home?
- I have _____ brothers and sisters. Do you have any?
- My best friend's name is _(first name only!)_. We like to …….