

Meaningful Birthday Cards

You are going to create a personalized birthday card with a meaningful birthday message for one of your classmates.

First, now that you know who you'll be making a card for, find his or her completed **Getting to Know Me!** worksheet.

Read through your birthday person's worksheet, and think about the examples of birthday cards that we've looked at together. On a piece of scratch paper, sketch out the front of the card and the greeting on the inside of the card. Make something that matches your birthday person's likes or something else that makes this person special.

Now draft your own personal message for your birthday person. Refer to his or her memories from the last year and his or her hopes for the future. Here are some phrases that may come in handy as you draft your message. As a class, think of some more that may be helpful.

I hope that in this last year you ...
I hope that in the coming year you ...
This coming year will be special because ...
You deserve a good birthday because ...

Now you have a draft birthday card. Look at the bottom of your birthday person's **Getting to Know Me!** worksheet to see who their partner was in reviewing the worksheet. Find that person and show them your draft. You should both think about what you know of the person who will be receiving the card and make revisions as you see fit.

Now, using nice paper, carefully make your card. When you've finished, put it in an envelope and write your birthday person's name and birthday (or half-birthday) on the front of the envelope. Your teacher will collect all of the cards. Each of you will receive your personalized card on your actual birthday (or half-birthday).