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Happy Holidays to our Opportunity Education Schools



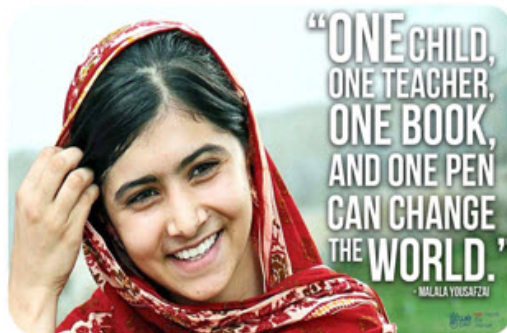
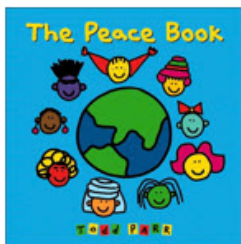
As we celebrate the holidays and look forward to a new year, we share hopes and wishes for love, joy and peace for our families, communities, nations and world. We at Opportunity Education also share in those hopes and wishes. We are thankful and blessed by the work of bringing a better education and a brighter future for many children around the world.

We are also thankful for our Sister Schools, as you share learning and friendship and with your pen pals. As simple as it may seem, the letters you write make an amazing difference in the lives of the students who receive them. When they know in their hearts that someone from another part of the world cares about them and wants to be their friend, it is indeed a small miracle.



We are creating peace in the world, one letter at a time.

Start Writing, Right Now



Read books and research famous people who promoted peace. There are many different kinds of peace. Discuss what peace means to your students and have them write about it. While the focus with younger students may be peace at home and at school, this would be a great time for older students to explore peace on a global level. Here are some writing prompts you may wish to use.

Creative Writing Prompts

What can you do to promote world peace?

Go home and love your family.

~ Mother Teresa



"Peace begins
with a smile"

~ Mother Teresa

Ask students to make a list of things they can do to promote peace at home in their family. Share the list with pen pals.

Share with your students a short lesson on the Nobel Peace Prize, followed by the opportunity for them to choose a recipient and write a paragraph about how that person promoted peace in the world.

Write a poem about what peace means to you.

PEACE Day Acrostic Poem

Name: _____ Date: _____

P	_____
E	_____
A	_____
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Peace
On Earth

"Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin With Me" is a popular song lyric. Write your own song about how you can make the world a more peaceful place.

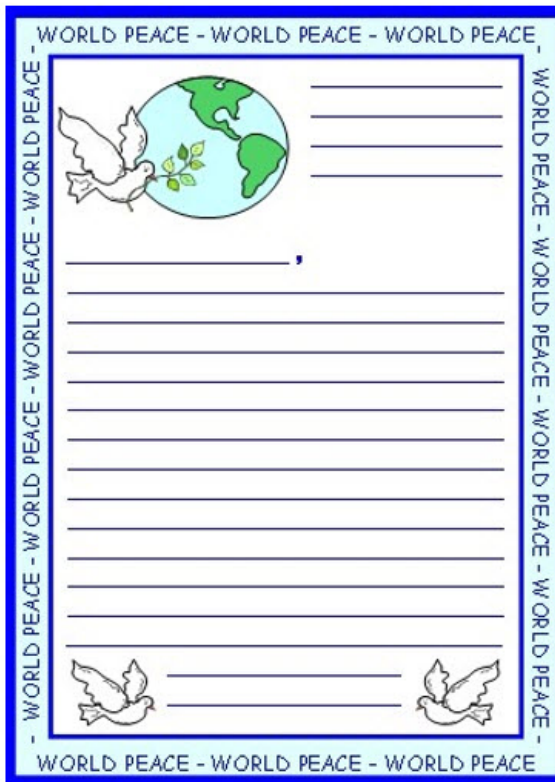
Peaceful words: Have students brainstorm peaceful words. Using Google Translate, discover what those words look and sound like in their Sister School's language.

Write a letter to your pen pal describing how making friends around the world can create peace for the future.



Write a fictional story about a place where people did not get along and how they came to make peace in their world

Ask students to draw a picture of what peace looks like to them.



Focus on Schools

Graduation Day at Nuru Primary School in Tanzania

Many schools in countries supported by Opportunity Education end their school year in December. Here are 38 class seven students who graduated from Nuru Primary School, in late November. It was a special day for them, their families and their teachers, as they celebrated this great accomplishment in their education.

We congratulate all Opportunity Education students who graduate this year and wish them much success and happiness in the future.



In closing, as we bid farewell to this year, ponder these lyrics from these songs. Let them warm your heart as we reach out in peace and understanding through our relationships with our Sister Schools

Here is my hand, here is another,
here is a smile, here is another.
You are my friend, my sister,
my brother.
May happiness and peace be
with you.



Reach out and touch
Somebody's hand
Make this world a better
place
If you can.....

(Ashford & Simpson)

School Representatives: Please share our newsletters with all teachers in your building who are participating in the Sister School program. You can do this in a number of ways:

- Forward the newsletter through email.
- Send us emails of participating teachers to put on our email list.

- Print newsletters and put them in a notebook in a common teacher lounge or workroom.
- Share newsletters at staff meetings.
- Share current and past newsletters which are available on the OE website.
 - Go to www.opportunityeducation.org
 - Click on "About Us"
 - Click on "Pen Pal News"
- Check the newsletter folder on our [Pinterest](#) Page



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