



Classroom



School-Wide



Self Awareness  
Growth Mindset



Collaboration  
Community



Self Advocacy

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Letter Instructions

### Purpose:

- The purpose of the letter is to introduce your family to your portfolio and to your overall growth as a learner this year.
- You will read this letter to introduce your family to your portfolio. It will be the beginning of your portfolio presentation.

### Audience:

- Your family! You may write either in formal Standard English or in your family's home language and with a tone that is appropriate for your family whom you know really well.

### Prompts and Sentence Frames to get you started:

- This year I learned to ....
- Comparing my sixth grade portfolio to my seventh grade portfolio, I can see that I've improved on \_\_\_\_\_ / learned \_\_\_\_\_
- My strengths as a student are ...
- One thing I've learned about myself as a learner is ...
- I'm most proud of ....
- You can see in my portfolio pieces that I have learned to ...
- Next year I want to ....
- Thank you for your support and for coming to my student-led conference.
- In my conference, I am going to show you \_\_\_\_\_.

Paragraph #1: Introduction to the conference, thank them for coming

Paragraph #2: Give an overview of highlights in your portfolio & how your portfolio shows your growth this year

Paragraph #3: Give an overview of your goals for this next year

## Sample Family Letter

Dear Dad,

Thank you for coming to my student led conference. I have worked on many projects this year and have done my work with better organization. I hope to show this in my portfolio this year.

My favorite piece of work is my coffee-stained book cover. I like it because I spent a lot of time and put a lot of hard work into it. Also, it shows how I have been challenging myself by using my art skills in my Humanities class to make my projects excellent. My next favorite work is my math final exam. I am really proud of how I used the three reads protocol to do my math problems and get them right. I'll explain more about this strategy when I show it to you. Finally, I'll talk about how I got involved in Gardening Club and I'm proud of the new garden that we made.

Again, I'm glad you came to my conference. I hope it lets you see all of the good things I do in school. At the end of this conference I have one goal written. It would be nice if you would write a second one with me.

Sincerely,

Gloria Griffin