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WRITING ACTIVITY

You have just finished reading one of the following: *Letter From a Concentration Camp* by Yoshiko Uchida or *Letter to Scottie*, a letter from F. Scott Fitzgerald to his daughter, whom he calls Pie. Your job is to write a letter to someone who is younger than you (brother, sister, cousin, niece, nephew, etc.), giving them advice and sharing your thoughts and ideas with them. If you don't know anyone younger than you, make up a person!

Your letter must include the following:

- *What you feel (either today, about the person you are writing to, or about something more specific, such as school or your life).
- * What you believe in life
- *What you are thinking today
- *Things to worry about (at least 3 things)
- *Things not to worry about (at least 3 things)
- *Things to think about (at least 3 things)
- *Any additional information you think your young reader should know about you, life, or anything else

Your letter should be thoughtful and meaningful. Put your best effort into this assignment! Remember that this is a friendly letter. An example is done for you on the next page.

March 1, 2014

Dear Isabella, Liliana, & Mattias (my cutie-petuties),

I am feeling very lucky and fortunate today. You are so content and happy. I love waking up in the morning and seeing your smiles and hearing you giggle. It always puts a smile on my face! Isabella – you are such a smart girl and the vocabulary you use continues to amaze me. Liliana - you are such an affectionate little girl and love nothing more than giving your family hugs and kisses. Mattias - it's amazing to me how much you understand even though you don't say a whole lot yet. I'm excited to see what the future holds for all of you.

There are a few simple things I believe in life. You should stand up for what you believe in and be true to yourself. You should make each day count and be thankful for what you have.

I am thinking a lot right now – school, seasons, friends, family, and much more. I am thinking how much I enjoy spending time with you. I am so glad it is getting closer to springtime; the sun is shining and it's getting a little warmer.

Now comes the important part. Here are some worries:

- *Worry about being strong
- *Worry about making others feel special
- *Worry about forgiving people

Here are some things you do not have to worry about:

- *Don't worry about what others think of you
- *Don't worry about making mistakes
- *Don't worry about finding your talents

Things to think about:

- *What kind of person do I want to be?
- *Who are my true friends?
- *Am I doing my best?
- *What do I want to accomplish in life?

I hope this letter has helped and inspired you. Remember, never be afraid to do the right thing. I love you.

Love,

Mommy