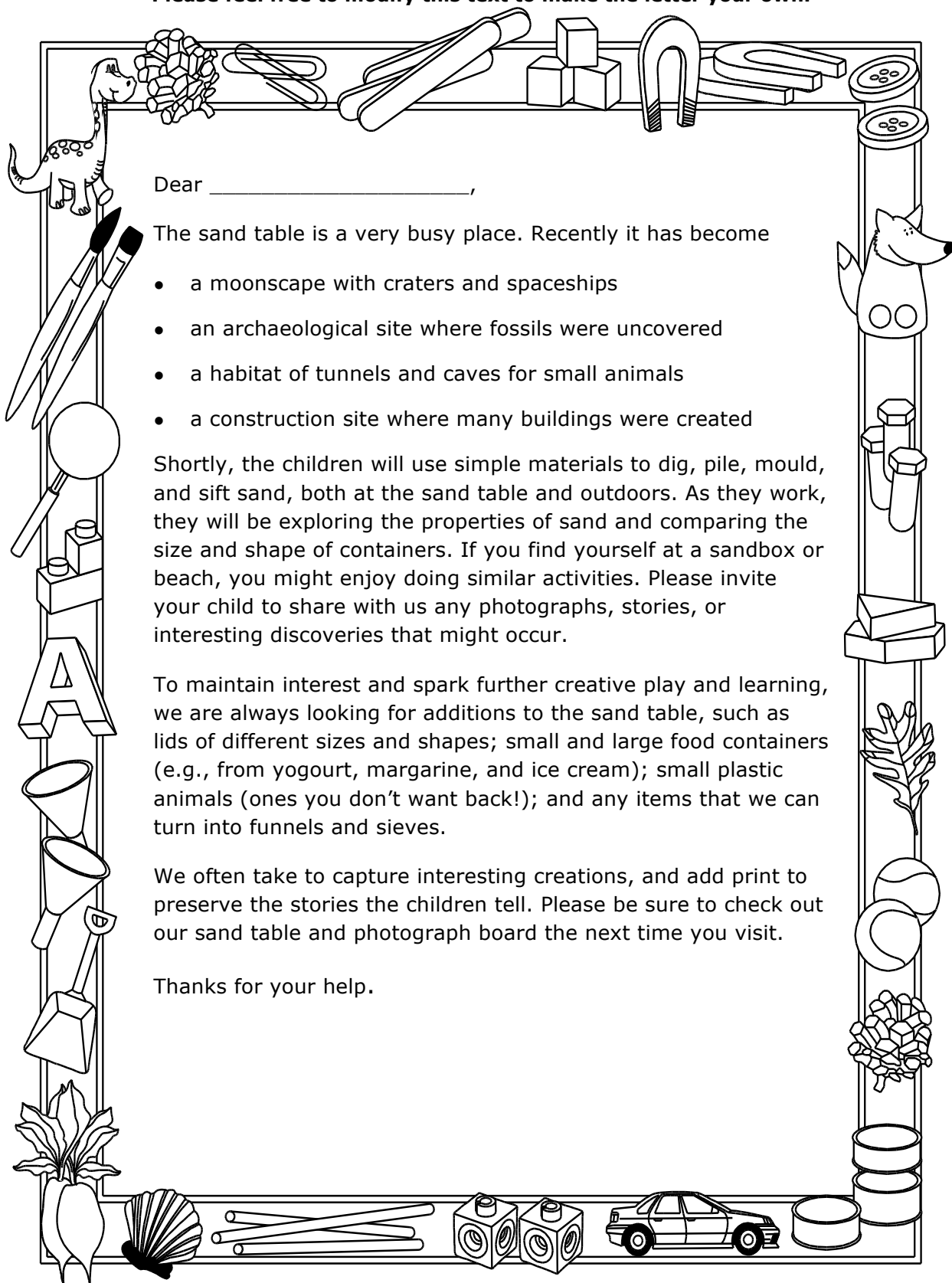


Please feel free to modify this text to make the letter your own.



Dear _____,

The sand table is a very busy place. Recently it has become

- a moonscape with craters and spaceships
- an archaeological site where fossils were uncovered
- a habitat of tunnels and caves for small animals
- a construction site where many buildings were created

Shortly, the children will use simple materials to dig, pile, mould, and sift sand, both at the sand table and outdoors. As they work, they will be exploring the properties of sand and comparing the size and shape of containers. If you find yourself at a sandbox or beach, you might enjoy doing similar activities. Please invite your child to share with us any photographs, stories, or interesting discoveries that might occur.

To maintain interest and spark further creative play and learning, we are always looking for additions to the sand table, such as lids of different sizes and shapes; small and large food containers (e.g., from yogourt, margarine, and ice cream); small plastic animals (ones you don't want back!); and any items that we can turn into funnels and sieves.

We often take to capture interesting creations, and add print to preserve the stories the children tell. Please be sure to check out our sand table and photograph board the next time you visit.

Thanks for your help.