

Tips for Writing a Family Newsletter for Christmas

During the holiday season people look forward to hearing all the news from their family members who live too far away to see often, as well as getting updates from extended families and friends. A newsletter printed using any of our free Christmas stationery and inserted into a Christmas card, or just the newsletter is a perfect way to update everyone on your list!

You might be thinking, “That’s easy for you to say…” and if that’s the case, here are some tips and ideas for how and what to write in your family or personal newsletter.

Don’t Know Where to Start? No Problem!

OK, so you have writer’s block, and you haven’t even written a single word. Here’s how to unblock your brain:

To start, make a list of each person you want to write about (yourself, spouse, children, partner, other family member, friend… and don’t forget your pet!).

Now, jot down a couple of events that occurred during the year (good and bad) that involved the whole family, your community, or any groups or organizations to which you belong.

After that, you might want to include a couple of general “warm wishes” for the season and the New Year.

Tell Them “The Little Things”!

Your Christmas newsletter doesn’t have to include every single thing that has happened during the year, so what is really nice is to include something special about each person that you are writing about. Maybe your son hit his first home run during Little League season or your daughter sang a solo during a school concert. Maybe you finally splurged and got that designer dress that you’ve always wanted. Were you able to take that family vacation that you always dreamed about? What about the day you woke up and found the cat inside the dirty clothesbasket “wearing” your shorts? (Did you take a picture? If so, include it!)

In one or two short sentences, provide an interesting update for each person you are writing about. Your words don’t have to be fancy and the sentences don’t have to be grammatically correct. Write as if you are talking directly to them. The people who are reading the newsletter want to hear from *you*---they don’t care what words you use.

Including a “Warm Wish” to Close the Newsletter

Well, what is a “warm wish” anyway? It can be as simple as a “From our house to yours” expression of cheer and hope for the next year, it can be a religious message, or a simple sentiment from your heart. Again, it doesn’t matter so much what words you use, but rather the sincerity behind them.

If you can’t think of “the right words,” then close your newsletter with a quote from your favorite author, a historical figure whom you admire and respect, a great movie, or from a

beloved text. (And if you quote someone, be kind and give credit to the person who said it...)

End Your Newsletter with a Personal Note

Finally, plan on handwriting a personal greeting at the very end of the printed newsletter. This makes every person who will be getting your newsletter feel as though you are talking directly to them. Remember: It's not about the words used, it is how heartfelt you mean them.

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