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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Margarita Monjaras, and this was my first year participating in the PencilPALS program. I will admit that it was a lot of fun. I enjoyed receiving letters in the mail. What I enjoyed the most, however, was knowing that my letters served a purpose. I know my PencilPAL struggled with writing in English. As a former ELL student I understood her frustration and insecurities with writing. I know how important it is to be able to use proper grammar and to spell everything correctly. These two skills play a major role in testing, education, and life after school. Therefore, I was more than happy to help my PencilPAL practice her English. I saw a major improvement and an increase in her confidence to write. It also happens I attended Mountain View Elementary School as a child. I would have loved a program like this.

I know many of my friends are interested in participating in PencilPALS next year. They've listen to me brag about how much I loved being a part of this, and they can't wait until the next school year. Some of my friends, who are teachers, want to implement something similar at their schools. They think this is a wonderful way to improve reading, writing, and comprehension skills. PencilPALS has shown me that much goes into teaching young minds to do great things. This wonderful program has also made me realize even more how important it is for children to have a proper education. It is programs like PencilPALS, that connect the outside world to the inside struggle that some students face. It's these basic English skills that we take for granted that they struggle with. If I learned anything it is that I want them to leave school with confidence not insecurities. I want them to think they can move mountains. After all they are our hope, our today, and they will pare our future.

Thank You

Marg

