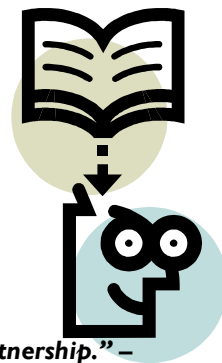


A.T.I.



Speciale - *Memories...of precious moments spent together...*

"We are here to help each other through life, this is why we are in partnership." –

Hugh Prather

My name is Jacquelin Bruhnke and I have been the "madrelingua" here at Fermi for several years now.

I would like to thank the school, the students and especially the English teachers, **(my colleagues)**, for their collaboration and support in allowing me the freedom and space to create lessons that encourage the students not only to express themselves through conversation, but to be able to communicate their thoughts in writing as well ... Thanks to the English teachers' encouragement, dedication and skill, the students are able to express themselves in a foreign language.

I am a **teacher**, but what I have come to **learn** is that these people, our students, our kids, have become **my teachers**...I have learned so much from them over the years and feel deeply grateful to have been given this opportunity to spend time with them...building trust, cooperation and creating a space for the students to share from the heart...

My hope is that through these letters, these students (and many others) will be inspired to share their thoughts not only anonymously, as was done here, but directly to the actual person they wrote to or about.

The letter I have chosen to begin with is from a boy to his grandfather...this was the letter that inspired me to ask my students if they would be willing to share their hearts, **(mind you, in a foreign language)**, with others...to go public...

I was deeply touched and moved by this student's willingness and courage to open his heart so deeply on paper and out loud to his classmates and me...

"If the only prayer you said in your life was thank you, that would suffice."-

Meister Eckhart

2D Dearest Grandfather,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your friendship even if you are dead. I remember when I played football with you, when we watched T.V... Something I remember very well is when you told me about the "Second World War" in which your brother stayed in prison for eight years. I was very disappointed when you died, but I always go to Piumazzo's cemetery to visit you.

P.S. I remember when we played in the snow and... well,

Bye, bye Grandfather. M.P.

2D Dear Anthony,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your friendship. I feel happy when we joke around. When I see you, my eyes brighten up. When I met you for the first time my heart beat a lot and my life changed! I like when you said, "fatta picca , fiutta lebba".

Your friend, P.B. 2D

4C Dear Grandmother,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your love. When I was a baby, you took care of me everyday and you always taught me something new. I learned a lot from you.

When I came to your home to sleep you sang songs to me that you learned at the theatre. Can you believe I remember all of the words of the songs you sang?

When I played volleyball, you played with me in the garden and you also went running with me many times...

Every year we go to the sea together, me and you grandma. This year I am not going with you, but I know you will think about me all the time...

With Love,

Your granddaughter...M.R

2D Dear Claire,

I really appreciate your friendship because when I feel blue, you always listen and make me feel better. I wanna tell you that when we're together I am always happy because it doesn't matter how many difficulties we have gotten into, we can always figure out everything.

Another fun thing we do that I enjoy, is when we call the girls that are "too" beautiful, "rubber face"... But the best part of hanging out together is planning to get dates with the guys we like even if we won't get them, it's my favourite game. I'm always gonna be here for you.

With love...A. R.

2D Dear David,

You are my best friend even if you are my little brother and you make me very angry...In the end, it is for this that we are friends, it is our way of being brothers and I thank you for existing.

Your brother,

Fabio

4D Dear Friend,

I am writing to you because I have never told you how important our friendship is for me. You have helped me many times and I want to do the same in the future for you.

I feel happy when I spend time with you because you are funny and also intelligent, but you already know that!!

I would like to tell you that this week I have to study a lot, but next week I will have free time to go out with you and other friends.

D.S.

4D Dear Luigi,

I would like to tell you how much I cherish your friendship because many years ago we fought and for a few years, we didn't talk and then one day you decided to let go of the past and returned as if nothing had ever happened. Now, we are good friends again and I really love spending time with you...Thanks,



4D Dear D,

I have a lot of things to tell you and you know that you know my dreams, you know all about me... You know that I am quite a strange person and if I am angry, I always have a reason to be... Yet, yesterday evening, I don't know why, you didn't understand me and you didn't hear me... I hope you will find another girlfriend...

Bye-bye,

C.D.



4D Dear Boyfriend,

I would like to tell you how much I appreciate your advice and the time you spend with me everyday. I feel happy when I'm with you. You are really a friend for me because you speak to me even if I have done something wrong... you do not stay silent... and distant...

Thank you baby,

L.



4E Dear Grandfather,

I wanted to tell you how important you are for me.

When I was a child, you took care of me and I remember that I always wanted to come to your house and play with you, my grandfather.

You are a wonderful person and I think that I was very lucky to be born in my family and become your grandson.

You and my father are the people who inspire me everyday to become what I want and what you want.

Every day, I look at my friends to understand if they have a magic grandfather too, but I think that you are the only one and the best grandfather in the world... to me...

I love you with all my heart,

A.



4E Dear Friend,

I am very happy to have met you. I like our friendship very much because we have many things in common that we can talk about. I like when I go to your home and we start to prepare ourselves to go out together or when we make cookies like last Saturday night with our friends.

I like you because you are kind and strange, but most of all sincere and it's all I want in a friend...

I



4E Dear Marco,

I appreciate your friendship in fact you are the one person that I am closest to among our friends. I remember when we met, you were playing my favourite song on the guitar and from that time we began talking about music together. Also, when we are with other friends, we spend wonderful moments together.

I am very happy to have met you...

M



4E Dear Mum,

I wanted to tell you how much I love you.

I appreciate everything you do for me and even if you yell at me because I haven't done anything at all around the house (and you are right), I like when you talk with me. I like when I do my homework and you always become angry and say that I don't listen to you...

Well, maybe I haven't told you that you are the best mum in the world. That's enough...

P.

4E Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to tell you how much I love and need your friendship. I like when I prepare hot chocolate for us and when we drink it together. I like to speak with you. I hope that when we are adults, that we will continue to see each other...

4C Dear Grandmother,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your love. Since I was a baby, you stayed with me everyday and you always taught me something new. I have learned a lot with you.

When I come to your home to sleep, you sing the songs that you learned from going to the theatre. I remember all of the words to these songs. When I played volleyball you played with me in my garden and you also went running with me many times.

Every year we go to the sea together, me and you grandfather. This year I am not going with you, but I know you'll think about me all the time.

With love,

P.

4C Dear A,

You are very important to me. Without you, the lessons would be boring.

I remember when you said you would have gone into the class in your boxers for 20 Euros, but the teacher stopped you. I have never laughed so much. Thank you.

4C Dear Leonardo,

I wanted to let you know how much I love you. I loved when I took you home from pre-school and when we play with play station. I also remember when I helped you fall asleep by singing to you... Can we remain young forever??

With love,

M.

4C Dear Beatrice,

I wanted to let you know how much I value your friendship. You are like a sister to me, even if you are actually my cousin. Above all, you and I spent most of our time together when we were children, we grew up together.

4C Dear Mum,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your help. You helped me while I was in the hospital. You supported me during a difficult time. In this moment you helped me become stronger than before. And in the end, I thank you mom, you are the most important person in my life... You know that I have a lot of trouble showing my emotions...

4C Dear Anthony,

I think that you and your band have really changed my life. I started to listen to your music as a kid and I have never stopped enjoying your songs. Your music has help me through very difficult times. I like your style and your music very much, from the most romantic songs to the really aggressive ones.

Thank you so much Mr Kiedis,

Rick

4E Dear Alle,

I just want to let you know how important our relationship is to me.

I know we fight a lot and that we have opposite personalities, but there is something between us that seems unchangeable! I always think about the first summer we met, I felt strong, I felt life running into my veins while we were laughing together, going out, chatting or doing something with our friends.

I do not know what the future will bring therefore, I would like only to thank you for the time we have spent together and that we will spend together...

Thank you for the smiles you have given me...

Bye-bye,

D.

4E A very important person in my life is my girlfriend. She is my girlfriend, my partner, my best friend... I can speak to her about everything; we haven't any secrets!

I love her personality. I like when we stay in bed for hours sharing our stories and remembering all of the fantastic moments spent together...She is my life.

M.

4D Dear Grandfather,

I want to tell you how important you are for me.

I remember when I was six years old and we were at the stadium and how strange it was for others to see a little girl there, but I liked it...

I remember when we went to the park near your house with our bicycles and when we played in our garden...

Now you have a beautiful relationship with my bother and I am really happy for you, but I would still like to spend other times with you .

Thanks for everything,

F.

4C Dear Girlfriend,

I would like to let you know how much I cherish your friendship. Yesterday was Valentine's day and we spent the entire day together. I know that my parents would not accept our love because they are a bit racist and a Chinese girl probably would break my mother's heart. Your parents are fantastic and I really enjoy your brother, even if he is a bit annoying at times. J

I hope to one day show our relationship to my parents.

I realize that our relationship has only been for the past 6 months, but I feel an intense feeling and I love you so much.

4C Dear Tim Burton,

I want to let you know that I love your work and your films a lot because thy have something magical and they have had a very strong impact on my life. I hope that you continue to direct beautiful films because in my opinion, you are the best director in the world. I hope to meet you one day soon.

P.

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