

Editorial

An **editorial** gives an opinion about a current issue. The writer of an editorial speaks directly to the reader and uses exact words and persuasive reasons to support his or her opinion.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Opening paragraph summarizes the situation.

For many years fourth graders at the King School have spent a day at the International Fair in Springfield. This year, Principal Wright has canceled the trip. He said students would learn more in class.

Writer states opinion and supports it with reasons.

In school we learn about long division and comparative adjectives. These are useful skills, but there is more to learning. At the fair, students experience how people from other cultures live, dress, and eat. Students can line dance, make noodles, or practice writing in Arabic.

Exact words strengthen the argument.

Writer sums up opinion in conclusion.

Are we going to lose this opportunity? Learning about life is part of our education too!

Ms. Lopez's fourth-grade class