

A Character Analysis of Mr. McMullin



**With love and thanks
from**

Ms. Camp's Third Graders

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Note: This page is the "Letter from the Teacher" that explains how we went about using the 4-Square for this project. The next two pages show the 4-Square that the class worked on together. In this document, the student's own 4-Square is only included for students #1, 2, 9, 18, and 19.

Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

In order to write these letters, we had to combine what we have learned this year about 1) the friendly letter format, 2) how to use a 4-Square for organizing our ideas, and 3) how to identify and prove character traits.

We have included a copy of the 4-Square that we all worked on together. We wrote the introductory paragraph (center box) and the concluding paragraph (lower right square) together as a class. Each student filled out his/her own detail squares (top left and right, lower left). These correspond to the middle three paragraphs of the letter.

On the backside of the 4-Square you can see all the character traits that the class brainstormed for you, as well as the evidence. When talking about character traits, we always begin with the evidence. We think of something that the character (in a book or in real life) did or said, and then we ask ourselves what kind of person would do or say that. To identify character traits for you, the students first brainstormed a list of things you have done here at LWW. Next, they asked themselves what kind of person would do those things.

Each student picked out three character traits from our list. They put one trait in each of the three detail squares. For each trait they picked, they chose three pieces of evidence (things you have done) that prove that trait. For each of the middle paragraphs, the first sentence introduces your character trait, and the next three sentences provide examples of things you have done that prove that trait.

You have made a tremendous difference at our school, and we will miss you very much. You have a special strength of character.

Your Friend,

Ms. Camp

4-Square

To start with, To begin with,

Character Trait #1

Prove it with 3 examples of things he has done.

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Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

In addition,

Character Trait #2

Prove it with 3 examples of things he has done.

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-
-

Paragraph 1 (Introduction)

I am glad that you have so many good character traits.

As you can see, Hence, etc.

Also,

Character Trait #3

Prove it with 3 examples of things he has done.

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Paragraph 4

(Conclusion) Paragraph 5

I appreciate you being our principal

because you are _____,

_____, and _____.

Thank you for being such a great

principal. I will miss you very much.

NOTE: On the backside of their 4-Square, each student had a copy of this list of character traits and evidence that the class had brainstormed together.

Character Traits	Evidence (think of things he has done)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kind • compassionate • caring • friendly <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">} only choose one very similar -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helpful • wise • problem-solver • generous (giving) • responsible • calm • determined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • asked everyone to go through main office doors in morning so kids in cafeteria don't get cold • make announcement to school about evacuation so everyone knows what to do • visits our class • helps us improve if we make a mistake • smiles a lot, friendly • gives Citizen of the Month awards • makes sure we are all safe • good at solving problems • sets a good example • helps the kindergartners know where to go • good listener • determined to help us learn • sense of humor • gives good advice

To begin with,

✓1. Compassionate

✓2. ✓ When you keep us safe.

✓3. ✓ Helps solve our problems.

✓4. ✓ Comes and visits.

In addition,

✓1. Determined

✓2. ✓ to help us

✓3. ✓ do your job

✓4. ✓ Make the school a better place.

I am glad that you have so many good character traits.

Also,

✓1. Generous

✓2. ✓ gives time to visit

✓3. ✓ gives time to say ~~hi~~ hello

✓4. ✓ funny jokes (Hawaii + Alaska)

Hence,

I appreciate you being our

principal because you are

Compassionate, determined, and

generous. Thank you for

being such an outstanding

Principal I will miss you very much.

Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am glad you have so many good character traits.

To begin with, you are compassionate. You keep us safe. Also you help solve our problems. You come and visit us often and I enjoy it.

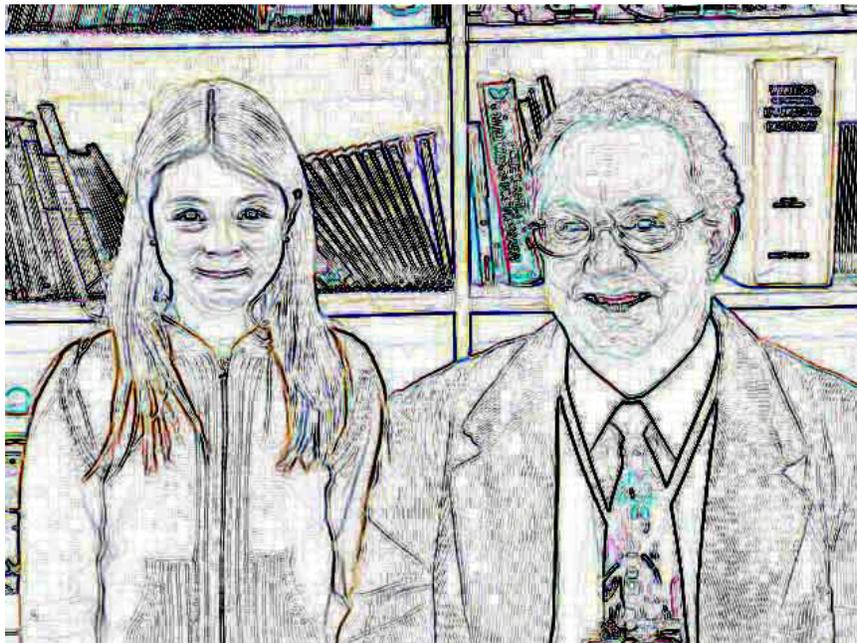
In addition, you are determined. You help us when we need it. You try very hard to do the best you can. You work to make the school a better place.

Also, you are generous. You give your time to visit the classrooms. You also give time to say hello. You share funny jokes like Hawaii and Alaska.

Hence, I appreciate you being our principal because you are compassionate, determined, and generous. Thank you for being such an outstanding principal. I will miss you.

Your Friend,

Student One



To begin with,
kind

- fun
- ~~vistes~~ ~~is~~ our class
- gives out Citizen awards

In addition,
helpful

- helps us learn
- ~~is~~ helps the kindergar
tens
- helps us improve from
our mistakes.

I'm glad that you have
~~got~~ so many
character traits



Also,

determend

- to do the best job he
can
- to be a good principal
- gives good advices

Hence,

I appreciate you
for being our principal
because you are kind,
helpful and determend

Thank you for being ^{such}
a great principal. I will miss you
very much.

Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad that you have so many good character traits.

To begin with, you are very kind. You are very fun to be with. You also like to visit our class. You like to give out Citizen of the month awards.

In addition, you are helpful to me. You like to help us learn. You help the kindergartners know where to go. You help us improve if we make a mistake.

Also, you are determined. You are determined to do the best job you can. You are determined to be a good principal. You give good advice.

Hence, I appreciate you for being our principal because you are kind, helpful and determined. Thank you for being such a great principal. I will miss you very much.

Your Friend,

Student Two



Feb.4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am glad that you have so many good character traits.

To begin with, I think you are a caring principal. You make sure everyone is safe. You remind us not to run in the halls. You watch us to see if everyone doesn't get hurt.

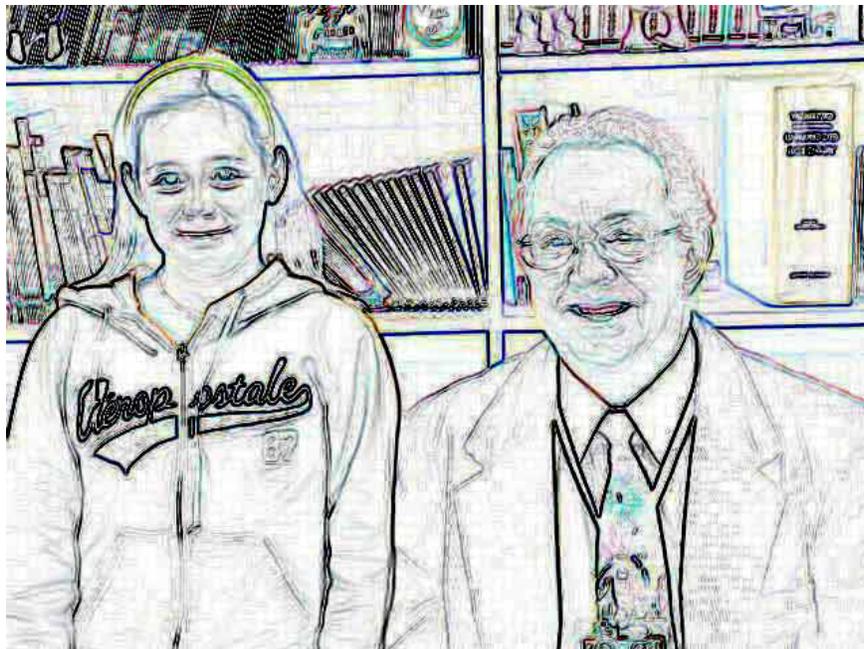
In addition, I think you are helpful. You found my mouthpieces in the garbage in the freezing cold with Mr. Snyder. You visit the class to see what we are working on. You help us improve if we make a mistake.

Also, I think you are intelligent. You are good at solving problems. You smile a lot. You are a good listener.

Hence, I appreciate you being our principal because you are caring, helpful, and intelligent. Thank you for being our principal. I will miss you very much.

Your Friend,

Student Three



Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad you have so many good character traits.

To begin with, I'm glad you are so compassionate. You visit our class. You smile a real lot. You make sure our whole school is safe.

In addition, you are very determined. You are determined to help us learn. You do your best. You don't give up.

Also, you are very wise. You think of good ideas. It was wise to warn the school before we had a school evacuation. It was wise to have everyone come in through the main office doors so no one would catch a cold.

As you can see, I appreciate you being our principal because you are compassionate, determined, and wise. Thank you for being such a great principal. I will miss you very much.

Your Friend,

Student Four



Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am glad that you have so many great character traits.

To start with, you are kind to others. You say hi to the students. You ask us to go through the main office doors in the morning so kids in the cafeteria don't get cold. You make announcements to school about evacuations so everyone knows what to do. You also visit our class.

In addition, you are very generous. You help us improve if we make a mistake. You smile a lot, and you are friendly. You pass out Citizen of the Month awards.

Also, you are very wise. You are very good at solving problems. You know how to make sure we are all safe. You set a good example for students.

In conclusion, I appreciate you being our principal because you are kind, generous, and spend your time wisely. Thank you. I will miss you.

Your Friend,

Student Five



Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad that you have so many good character traits.

To start with, you are a wise principal. You're good at solving problems. You give good advice. You make sure we are safe.

In addition, you're a thoughtful principal. You have the kids go through the main office doors so the kids in the cafeteria do not get cold. You make an announcement before a drill so everyone knows what to do. You help us improve when we make mistakes.

Also, you are a really calm principal. You are always smiling. You do not yell at us on our first mistake. You are always friendly.

As you can see, I appreciate you because you are wise, thoughtful, and calm. Thank you for being such a good principal. I will miss you.

Your Friend,

Student Six



Feb. 3, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad that you have so many good character traits.

To begin with, you are friendly in school. You visit us in class. You talk to us in class. You smile a lot.

In addition, you are helpful in class. You help us come up with ideas, and you come up with ideas to help the school. You help kindergartners feel comfortable and feel safe.

Also, you are very wise. You are a good leader. You have good ideas. You make good choices

As you can see, I appreciate you because you are friendly, helpful, and wise. Thank you Mr. McMullin.

Your Friend,

Student Seven



Feb. 3, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am glad that you have so many great character traits.

To begin with, you are so generous. You come to our class. You warn the school for fire drills. You help the school with the bills.

In addition, you are determined. You help the school to learn. You're a very good principal. You make good choices for the school.

Also, you are kind to everyone in the school. You don't tell secrets. You make sure the school is safe. You help the school with a lot of things.

Hence, I appreciate you because you are generous, determined, and kind. Thank you for being such a great principal. I will miss you very much.

Your Friend,

Student Eight



4-Square
Student Nine
Name:

To start with,

helpful

- help with problem (fire shoes etc.)
- puts safety patrol ^{out} / Ho help.
- helps, no running

In addition,

determined

- get to work on time
- does his job (MAYBE WORKING)
- make school a safer place.

I am so glad that you have so many good character traits.

Also,

responsible

- sets good example
- tell truth
- is good at solving problems

In summary,

I appreciate you being our
Principal because you are,
helpful, determined, and
responsible. Thank you for being
such a great Principal. I
Will miss you very much.

Feb. 3, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am so glad you have so many good character traits.

To start with, you are helpful to kids. You help us with problems. You let Mrs. Schanz put Safety Patrol out to help kids. You keep us safe by not letting us run.

In addition, you are determined to get your work done. You get your work done on time. You do your job. You work hard to make school a safer place.

Also, you are responsible. You set a good example. You tell the truth. You are good at solving problems.

In summary, I appreciate you for being our principal because you are helpful, determined, and responsible. Thank you for being such a great principal. I will miss you very much.

Your Buddy,

Student Nine



Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad that you have so many good character traits.

To start with, you are very calm. You never get mad at anyone. You won't get mad because someone made a mistake. You smile a lot.

In addition, you are very generous. You give your time to visit us. When there's an evacuation, you give us good advice.

Also, you are very wise. You solve all problems. You help us improve if we make a mistake. You make sure we are safe.

Hence, I appreciate you being our principal because you are calm, generous, and wise. Thank you for being such a great principal. I will miss you very much.

Your Friend,

Student Eleven



Feb. 3, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad you have so many good character traits.

To begin with, you are very thoughtful. You always visit our class. I like it when you smile a lot. You are a good listener.

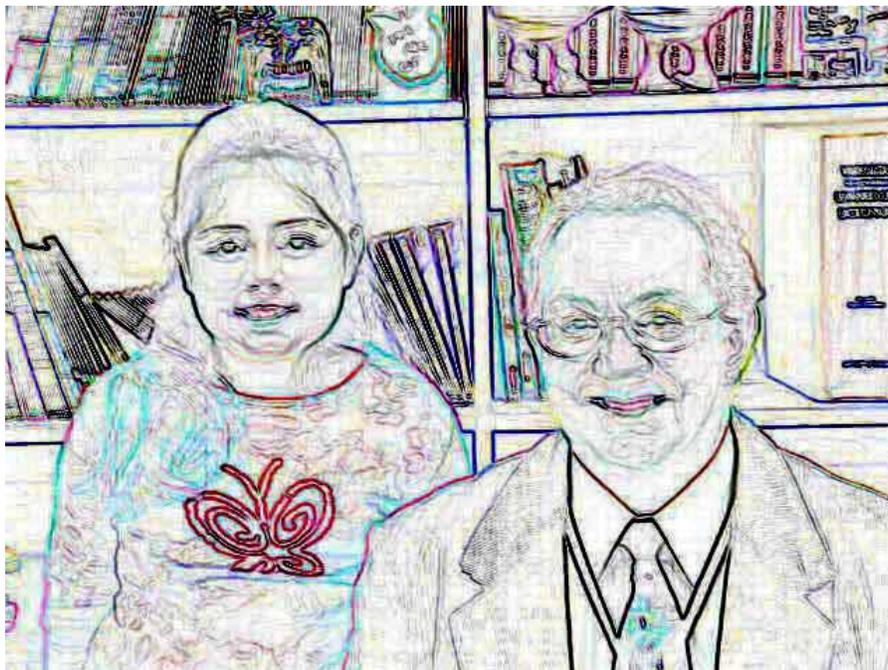
In addition, you are generous. You give out the Citizen of the Month award. You give people good advice. If someone messes up, you help them to improve.

Also, you are very determined. You want to help us learn. Keeping us safe is important to you. You try to make the school a better place.

Hence, I appreciate you because you are thoughtful, generous, and determined. Thank you for all you did. I sure will miss you.

Your Friend,

Student Twelve



Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad that you have so many good character traits.

To begin with, you are a very friendly person. It's nice that you say hello in the halls. I like it when you visit us. I'm glad you smile at everyone.

In addition, you are responsible. You keep us safe. You don't let us get hurt. You give out Citizen of the Month awards.

Also, you are determined to give good examples. You are glad to be our principal. You are glad to help us learn. You give good advice.

As you can see, I appreciate you being our principal because you are friendly, determined, and responsible. Thank you for being such a great principal. I will miss you.

Your Friend,

Student Thirteen



Feb. 5, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am glad that you have so many good character traits. To begin with, you are friendly because you help everybody all the time. You help us find lost things. You gave my friend a tiger. You are nice to everybody.

In addition, you are determined. You work hard to get your work done. You want to help us learn. You set good examples.

Also, you are helpful. You help make us safe. You give excellent advice. You help us improve if we make a mistake.

As you can see, I appreciate you because you are friendly, determined, and helpful. I wish you did not have to leave.

Your Friend,

Student Fourteen



Feb. 3, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad that you have so many good character traits.

To start with, you are really kind. You gave me a chocolate candy bar when my mom was not home. You said my mom can do a parent conference at the school not on the phone if she wants to on her way picking me up. You're really nice to people.

In addition, you are really helpful. When someone loses something really tiny, you announce it on the speakers. When you see someone fall, you will see what happened, and if it's bleeding you will send them to the nurse. If someone drops something, you'll help them pick it up.

Also, you are friendly. You were friendly when you let me have your soda that was not open from your refrigerator. It was friendly of you to give me vanilla chocolate. It was also friendly when you gave me a tiger that your wife bought you.

Hence, I appreciate you because you are kind, helpful, and friendly. Thank you.



Your Friend,

Student Fifteen

Feb. 3, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am glad that you have so many good character traits.

To start with, you are very helpful. You help us when we make mistakes. You make announcements to the school about evacuations. You give good advice.

In addition, you are very calm. You have a good sense of humor. You are a good listener. You smile a lot.

Also, you are very responsible. You give Citizen of the Month awards. You make sure we are all safe. You help the kindergartners know where to go.

In conclusion, I appreciate you because you are helpful, calm, and responsible. Thank you for being our principal.

Your Friend,

Student Sixteen



Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am glad that you have so many good character traits.

To begin with, you are very kind. You are very friendly. You are really fun. I like it when you come and visit us.

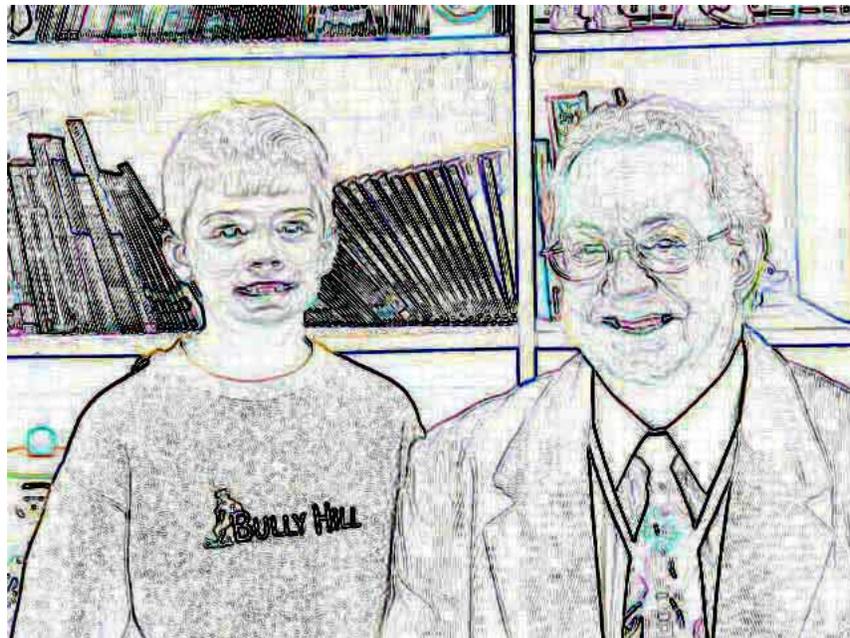
In addition, you are very calm. You don't get upset when somebody does something wrong. You smile a lot.

Also, you are wise. You make everybody go in the main office doors so that the kids in the cafeteria won't get cold. You are wise to warn us about the fire drills. You're good at solving problems.

As you can see, I appreciate you being our principal because you are kind, calm, and wise. Thank you for being such a great principal. I will miss you.

Your Friend,

Student Seventeen



To start with,

1 ✓ generous

2 ✓ of your time to visit our class

3 ✓ gives good advice

4 ✓ gives Citizen of the Month awards

In addition,

1 ✓ compassionate

2 ✓ go through main office doors in the morning
so the kids to the cafeteria don't get sick

3 ✓ makes sure we are all safe

4 ✓ smiles a lot

I'm glad that you have so many good
character traits.

Also,

1 ✓ helpful

2 ✓ make an announcement to the school
about evacuation so everyone knows what to do

3 ✓ sets a good example

4 ✓ helps the kindergartners know where
to go

Hence,

I appreciate you being our

principal because you are generous,

compassionate, and helpful. Thank you

for being such a great principal. I

will miss you very much.

Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I'm glad that you have so many good character traits.

To start with, you are so generous. You are so giving of your time to visit our class. You give good advice. You give Citizen of the Month awards.

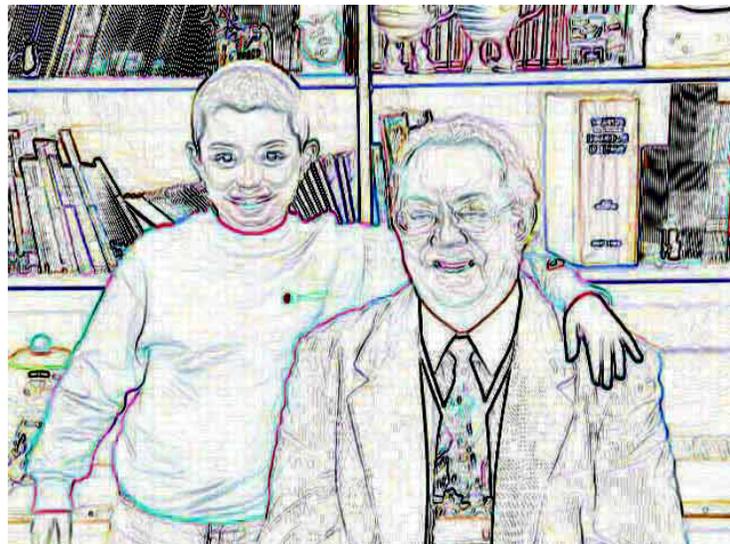
In addition, you are compassionate. You have us go through the main office doors in the morning so the kids in the cafeteria don't get sick from being cold. You make sure we are all safe. You smile a lot.

Also, you are helpful. You make an announcement to the school about evacuations so everyone knows what to do. You set a good example. You help the kindergartners know where to go.

Hence, I appreciate you being our principal because you are generous, compassionate, and helpful. I will miss you very much.

Your Friend,

Student Eighteen



to start with

Kind

- he stops by.
- Friendly
- he makes me laugh

In addition

wise

- he is a good leader
- he makes good choices
- he has good ideas

I am glad that you
have so many good qualities
that's.

As you can see

Also

helpful

- helps us with problems
- goes to cafeteria
- he helps me when I meet
it

I appreciate you
because you are kind,
wise, and helpful.

Feb. 4, 2004

Dear Mr. McMullin,

I am glad that you have many good character traits.

To start with, you are very kind. You stop by our classroom to say hi. You are very friendly to us. You make me laugh.

In addition, you are wise. You are a good leader. You make good choices. You have good ideas.

Also, you are helpful to us. You help us with problems. You shut doors in the cafeteria so nobody would get cold. You will help me when I need it.

As you can see, I appreciate you because you are kind, wise, and helpful.

Your Friend,

Student Nineteen

