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Dear Mom and Dad,

Ok, so I know you don't want me to get a new phone, but I need one! Clearly, my phone doesn't work. We have had to take it to the technical support building three times because it doesn't work. Every time it's a different problem!

Also, my phone is a safety issue. That's why you bought it for me in the first place, so you could always get a hold of me and know where I am. Most of the time you can't reach me if you call my phone. Sometimes, I just don't receive calls. It's really weird, and dangerous. If you looked at it from my point of view, it's scary to always have to be concerned if I can get in contact with you or not.

Plus, my phone's battery life is very, very short. It will charge completely and only last a couple of hours! Just the other day, I wanted to know where you were, but I couldn't because my phone was dead! I know phones are expensive, but I am willing to pay for half of the cost!

You know I am responsible! I won't lose it or damage it. You know when I first got my phone, I wouldn't let anybody touch it. I was so protective of it, and I still am! A new phone would make all of our lives easier!

Your responsible daughter,

Cariana (6th grade writer)



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Dear Mr. Brill,

I know that it would make kids so much happier if we ended school a little bit earlier. We would have more time for homework, teachers and staff would have more free time, and students would have time for more after-school activities.

If school ended earlier, people would have more time for homework after school. Some of the people that don't turn in their homework regularly would probably turn in their homework more often. I know that we would most likely have more homework in order to cover the work missed in class, but I think most students would be okay with that change.

In addition to the benefits to the students, teachers and staff would have more time to themselves. They could use this time to work on class plans and grade papers. Teachers and staff would also have more time to spend with their friends and families. I think that teachers would be happier and have more energy in the classroom if they had more time to themselves outside of school.

Although we have school activities, most students also participate in after-school activities. Kids would have more time to spend with their friends, as well as doing sports and other hobbies. I think that most kids would take advantage of the additional time to do the things that they really are interested in.

I respect that school time is important, but I think that this minor change would make the students happier and more motivated. Your consideration of my idea is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nicolette, a concerned student
of your school



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Dear Ms. Schuster,

Oh, how exhausted I am after school, and how I'd love to just sit down and take a nap. Wait, no, I just remembered I am laden with tons of homework and am stuck here all night doing it. Ms. Schuster, all day I work so hard, and to come home just to work even harder is just devastating. All that I'm asking you is to let loose on the homework for a while. Just put yourself in my position – you're a superb student who always turns in your homework. You work hard all the time and are extremely trustworthy. Wouldn't you want your teacher to just chill on the homework for a week or so, because I know I would?

In addition, every trustworthy, hard-working student, like myself, has other commitments outside of school. At the moment I'm participating in basketball, youth groups, and art club during the school week. And my weekends are full with more basketball, church services, and a Valor performance camp. Ms. Schuster, we as kids have lives, and I'm sure that you do too. When you are tired and have tons of work to do, but are required to go to a long, important basketball practice right after school, you, of course, would go to the practice, come back at about 5:45, and then start on "the load." This would then cause you to stay up after everybody else has gone to sleep. In this situation I would beg my glorious, giving teacher for a week, if not a day, of no homework, and that's what I'm asking you, Ms. Schuster.



I'm on my knees – please, please have a heart and be a little more considerate, please!

Your exhausted, hard-working, trustworthy student who desperately needs a break,

Matthew

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Dear wonderful and smart Mom,

Although you have already told me I can't, I really, really want a dog. In fact, I have been researching a lot about dogs lately, and I found out Yorkies don't shed. We need a dog that won't shed so our family won't be cleaning up dog hair all the time.

With a tiny dog, like a Yorkie, it wouldn't need a lot of space to live in, so we wouldn't need to worry about giving it a big backyard. Evidently, Yorkies need a lot of attention. That is exactly what I want, truly.

Besides, Yorkies are great watchdogs. In other words, they aren't afraid to bark when a stranger is at the door. So when someone is selling something at the door, which you despise, you will know not to answer. On the other hand, my friends won't be over all the time. Instead, I will be teaching my dog new tricks and having a blast playing with it.

Better yet, I'm willing to use my own allowance to pay for the dog, its food, and toys. Whatever it needs, I will do my best to try and get the money to pay for it. Obviously, a Yorkie would be a perfect fit for our family!



Love, your hopeful, mature and responsible kid,

Brittany