

A photograph of four children sitting on a window ledge. From left to right: a boy in a blue patterned shirt and white pants, a girl in a yellow and orange patterned dress, a boy in a blue t-shirt and dark shorts, and a girl in a colorful patterned dress and yellow skirt. They are all looking towards the camera.

NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

LIFT THE SPIRITS OF A MALI RISING
STUDENT WITH A SHORT NOTE

Sending a short note of encouragement to a Mali Rising student means more than you can know. It lets them know someone out there cares and provides inspiration when the days are long and hard. Plus, it helps students practice their English! Before the end of the 20/21 school year, we want EVERY Mali Rising student to receive a note -- that's more than 3,500 kids! Follow these guidelines to help:

- 1** Write your short notes on a flat 8 1/2 by 11 or smaller piece of paper. You can just write a note or decorate it with drawings, stickers, etc. See sample note on the reverse side of this page. Sign with your first name only.
- 2** Submit your notes by either scanning them and emailing a pdf file to info@malirisingfdn.org OR mail to address on reverse.
- 3** Our staff will deliver your notes to students in Mali. We'll send you an update when they are delivered!

DO

- Keep it short & positive.
- Write in English.
- Write as neatly as you can.
- Add color, stickers, or drawings if you like!
- Sign with just your first name.
- Offer study advice.

DON'T

- Fold your letter or note.
- Go larger than 8 1/2 by 11 (smaller is fine!)
- Write about religion or politics.
- Include your last name or contact information.
- Offer advice that requires technology.

Send finished notes to:

Electronic: Scan letters and send one pdf file containing all your notes to: info@malirisingfdn.org.

Hard copies: Mali Rising, PO Box 277, Salt Lake City, UT 84110

Sample note text:

Dear Friend,

I hope your school year is off to a good start. I've just learned a little bit about Mali and how dedicated to education students like you are. Keep up the good work and do the best you can do. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand something...that always helps me learn more! I hope you have a great school year and learn a lot!

Sincerely, Mary