The Ant and the Dove

One hot day in summer an ant got thirsty. She went to a spring for a drink of water. The ant climbed down a blade of grass to reach the spring. She fell in.

A dove was perched on a nearby tree. She saw that the ant was drowning. She pulled off a leaf and let it drop in the water near the little ant. Quickly the ant climbed on the leaf. Soon she came to the shore.

Just then a hunter came by. He spread his net to snare the dove. The ant guessed his plan. She bit him in the heel. The startled man dropped his net. The dove flew away to safety.

Moral: One good turn deserves another.

Words to know:
blade  spring  deserves
perched  startled  snare
turn  leaf  drowning
Write a sentence about the picture. Color the picture.
Can you think of another way to save the ant?

Write about your plan. Draw a picture, too.
What do you think was the first thing Ms. Ant did when she got home? She sat right down and wrote a thank-you note to Mrs. Dove.

Look at the five parts of this letter.

GREETING

May 1, 20_ _

Dear Mrs. Dove,

I am grateful to be alive. Thank you very much for saving me. I hope to visit you soon.

BODY

Your friend,

Ms. Ant

CLOSING

SIGNATURE

Now look at the envelope.

RETURN
ADDRESS

The name and address of the person who sends the letter

Ms. Ant
Blueberry Lane
Meadow City, Ohio
44446

MAILING
ADDRESS

The name and address of the person who will get the letter

Mrs. Dove
Strawberry Street
Oak Village, Ohio
44579

Do you know how to write your name and address?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

How do you think a person who receives a thank-you letter feels?