Dear Educator,

As we embark on a new school year, we are reminded of our critical role in ensuring that students have the skills and knowledge necessary for academic success. No matter where your students have been, the first day of school offers each of them a chance to make a new ending. Please use this special Grammar Gallery lesson to introduce, review, or reinforce important directions students will hear in class.

Welcome back, and thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,
The Grammar Gallery Team
Following Directions: Imperative

The imperative is the form of a verb that expresses a command or strong request. We use the imperative form to give someone an order or make a strong request. An imperative can be a sentence or just one word. Your teachers use the imperative when they give you directions. Here are some examples.

Use a pencil. Raise your hand.
Open the book.

Share the book.

Sit down.

Stand in line.
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<th>Draw a circle.</th>
<th>Write your name.</th>
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<td><img src="image2.jpg" alt="Image of a hand writing a name" /></td>
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<th>Point to the board.</th>
<th>Get on the bus.</th>
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<td><img src="image3.jpg" alt="Image of a teacher pointing to the board" /></td>
<td><img src="image4.jpg" alt="Image of children getting on a bus" /></td>
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DIRECTIONS: Look at each picture. What do you think the teacher told the students to do?

Example:

Write the letters.
BACK TO SCHOOL LESSON

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DIRECTIONS: Write a direction to go with each picture. Use the imperative form of the verb.

Example:
Get on the bus.

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