

Forever Flowers™

A special tradition for the first day of school

Dear blossom boys and girls,

The start of a new school year is such an exciting time, for everything is just that—new! With new teachers, new classmates, new classrooms, and more, there are always so many surprises in store for us each and every schoolyear. Surprises, which although fun and exciting, can leave us feeling a little nervous as we wonder how the first day of school will turn out. But, the two of us have learned through growing flowers at our Blossom Shoppe that new things aren't bad things and surprises are not as scary as they seem.

Just like the first day of school, a seed is also a surprise and something that inspires us to wonder and imagine: what might our seed look like when it finally blooms? But while what we imagine our seed will look like can be different from what it actually grows to become, the end result always exceeds our expectations!

Yet, with all of the surprises a new school year brings, it is nice to have something that remains the same and can be looked forward to year after year to help with first day jitters, and that is where our family tradition comes in: *Forever Flowers™*. In our story, "The Blossom Shoppe", Mama Blossom put flowers behind our ears before we went off to school so that we could always have her with us throughout the entire day. Sharing flowers with loved ones on the first day of school is such a special tradition, especially if the flowers that we are given can be kept forever!

We hope you will join us in this special tradition so that we can continue to grow our *Forever Flowers™* collections together each year! Make sure to share pictures of your *Forever Flowers™* collection with us by sending a message to our mailbox at www.blossomcompanyct.com/message-poppy-and-posie!

Always remember, you are blossom!

Bouquets of love,

Poppy & Posie



Materials:

- ✿ Flowers (for each loved one)
- ✿ Scissors
- ✿ Tape
- ✿ Notebooks

Instructions:

1. First, step outside with your family and find some flowers in your garden! If you don't have any flowers around your home, you can stop by your local flower shop ahead of time to gather enough for everyone!
2. Next, have every family member cut a flower of their choice. With your flower in hand, head on inside!
3. With the flower that you picked, exchange it with the flower that your mother, father, sister, brother, or someone else very special to you picked so that they have your flower and you have theirs. Do this until everyone is holding a flower from a different family member.
4. Then, grab your notebook. Open your notebook up to the first page and place your flower into the center.
5. Put some tape onto the stem of the flower to hold it in place.
6. Lastly, tightly close your notebook. Pressing your flower into your notebook will make the flower dry and allow it to last a very long time. That is why we call these flowers, *Forever Flowers*™!



As you carry your notebook in your backpack or in your arms throughout the school day, you will always know that this flower, as well as the very special person who gave it to you, is with you. Having and holding this flower will fill you with a sense of love and comfort for the entire day!

Not only is *Forever Flowers*™ a great tradition for families to look forward to on the first day of every school year, but it is also a great tradition to have at times when other parts of life become new or change. Through this tradition, you know that as your collection grows, you will always have the love of your loved ones in each and every one of your *Forever Flowers*™!

We wish you luck with your first day of school and the wonderful, colorful school year that is waiting for you!

