



Send a letter: A fun way to practice written expression



Summer time is a great and practical time to write some letters to loved ones! Use a note card, construction paper or stationary to write about vacations, the beach, new friends, day trips and summer camps. You can even use a birthday card to get started! The note can be a few sentences. No War and Peace needed! Feel free to give guidance. It will probably be needed even if they have experienced this before. And don't worry if the printing isn't as perfect as you like. The goal is more about writing to tell a story and a chance for your child to practice expressing themselves. Remember, they are learning and if you correct too much, it won't be fun.

Your child may need to dictate her short story to you. If they are older, you can help by writing down the story see if they can copy the words, taking the time they need. Copying is another great writing skill as kids need to learn how to write down work from the blackboard at school. Assist your child to sequence their facts by using, first, next and last. Then a bonus lesson is the sequence of how to mail a letter. Kids find it fun to put a letter/card into an envelope, add the address and stamp then walk it to the mailbox. I advocate you write your child a quick note so she can get feel the excitement of getting something fun in the mail.