

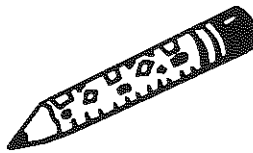
# Writing Thank-You Notes

## Targeted skill

Young children are expected to write notes, reminders, labels, and so on as they learn to connect the letters with the sounds they make. This is how they learn to spell, read, and write.

## Materials

- ◆ paper
- ◆ crayon, felt-tip marker, or pencil



## What to do

Receiving a gift can be an opportunity for your child to practice his or her writing skills. This activity can be as simple or involved as you wish.

To begin, explain to your child that since he or she likes a particular gift, he or she could write a letter of thanks to the person who gave the gift. Provide paper (it could be folded note cards, colored paper, or drawing paper) and something to write with. Help your child sound out words to express the thanks. Once again, this can be as simple as “Thak u” or something more complicated.

Ask your child to sign the card, and then place it in an envelope. Address the envelope, add a stamp, and put it in the mail to help your child understand the process of posting a letter.

## Extending the activity

- ✦ There are many opportunities to write letters. Grandparents appreciate receiving an “I love you” note or a card to celebrate a holiday. Handmade cards are always appreciated.