

Special Delivery – Junk Mail

Required: Junk mail, old labels, pencil, shoebox and stickers for stamps

Start saving that junk mail, including forms to fill out and envelopes. If you don't have a play mailbox, make one. Use a shoebox and cut one end so that it opens like a real mailbox after you've taped the lid to the box. Write the child's name and address down on a piece of paper. Have them practice writing their name on the unwanted junk mail forms. On blank envelopes they can learn how to address mail.



For little ones, give them old address labels to stick on.

Once the older children have mastered writing and addressing envelopes, have them write to someone. In the letter have them include a self addressed stamped envelope with a piece of paper for the recipient to respond with.

Package Wrap

Required: Old wrapping paper or comics, safety scissors, bows, tape, and ribbon

Find items for little ones to practice wrapping like a toy or several small boxes. Supply them with old wrapping paper or what also works great is comics from the newspaper. If they know how to use scissors instruct them on how to figure out what size to cut the paper. If they're not trustworthy with scissors or have not mastered cutting skills, pre-cut paper for them. Make sure you have an abundant supply of tape because to a preschool there's never enough tape on a package. Decorate the package with bows, ribbons, string and they can even make a small card or tag.

