Title: Post Card Writing/Post Office

Recommended For: 3-4 Year Olds

Objectives:

**Children**
- Fine motor
- Language
- Follow directions
- Self expression
- Creativity

**Adults**
- Fine motor
- Language
- Reminiscence
- Creativity

Materials Needed (Per Pair)

- 1 Post card (may be originals or photo copied)
- Cash register (for the group)
- Table for “Post Office” (for the group)
- 1 Stamp (stickers or ink stamps)
- Pens/pencils

Methods:

**Facilitator Preparation**
1. Set up adult/child pairs of chairs around table.
2. Set up Post Office. This should be done at a separate table and can include a cash register, mail box, etc.
3. Place postcards, pens and pencils out on table for each pair.

**Intergenerational Participants**
1. Introduce post cards.
2. Have IG pairs discuss who they want to send a post card to and what they want to say.
3. Prepare post card. Have partner write what the other dictates.
4. Have IG pairs go to the “Post Office” to mail their post cards.
5. If time, have IG partners write a second letter.

Helpful Websites
http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/diy-post-office-play-kit/
Special Considerations
• Consider having cards with messages already written on them if both members of IG pair can't write. Participants may still want to sign their names to the cards.
• Consider photocopying postcards and cutting them to postcard size.
• Consider providing large/blown up post cards.
• You will need to know if the adults can write.
• Let participants know that it may not look like a traditional letter but it is good for the kids to practice their writing skills.

Getting To Know You
• Have you ever written a letter before?
• Have you ever been to the Post Office before?
• How do you share news or messages with each other?
• When do we get postcards? When do you send them? Vacations? When you visit new places?
• What goes on a postcard when you send it through the mail?

Encouraging Interaction
• Can you show ____ where the stamp goes?
• Can you help ____ write his/her letter?
• Can you walk together over to the Post Office?
• Can you tell ____ who you are writing a post card to? What does it say?

Extension Opportunities
• Letter writing/letter exchange
• Make your own post cards