

Mail Monday

Create a Monday rhythm in your homeschool where children send a letter to a friend, a family member, or a person they admire once a week.

Here's all you need to get started with this fun homeschool tradition.

THE BASKET

- ☐ Stationery or note cards
- ☐ Envelopes
- ☐ Favorite pens
- ☐ Scrap paper for drafts
- ☐ Wax seals or stickers
- ☐ An address book
- ☐ Special stamps selected by the kids
- ☐ A map or globe

SIMPLE VS. SPECIAL

Keep it simple and use what you have on hand — or, to make the routine extra special, try our recommendations.

Stationery	Mr. Boddington's Animal Menagerie
Pens	Ooly dual-tip gel pens
Wax seals	Cate Paper Co.
Address book	Papier or Pipsticks

THE MONDAY ROUTINE

- 1 **Choose a recipient**
Grandparent, author, astronaut, neighbor, the President. Use our 'Who Writes Back' List to help.
- 2 **Find their location on the map or globe.**
How far is the letter traveling, and what's between your home and theirs?
- 3 **Write a first draft.**
Tell them something about your week, ask a question, and request that they write back. Pre-writers can dictate or draw their letter, then sign their own name at the bottom.
- 4 **Copy the final draft onto stationery.**
Ask your children to use their best handwriting, and write their letter on their favorite stationery. With a parent's help, use your wax seal kit or sticker to seal the letter.
- 5 **Address the envelope, stamp it, and place it in the outgoing mailbox.**
Let your children lick the stamp and raise the flag on your mailbox. Voila! Now, you just wait patiently for a reply!

Post office field trip: Take your children to the post office, and let them pick whatever book of stamps they like.

Stuck for words? Page two has a silly fill-in-the-blank letter form. Print as many as you'd like.

The very silly letter

Fill in the blanks before reading the letter,
then go back and read it all together!

Dear _____,
A PERSON YOU LOVE

Hello from _____! I am writing with a _____ pen while eating
YOUR TOWN COLOR

_____. Today I feel very _____.
A SNACK A SILLY WORD

This week the most _____ thing that happened was
ADJECTIVE

_____. I told everyone about it _____ times.
A FUNNY MEMORY FROM THIS WEEK A NUMBER

If I could send you one thing in this envelope it would be a _____, but it will not
fit, because it is _____.
A NOUN SIZE WORD

Here is my question for you: _____.
QUESTION YOU HAVE

Please write back before _____. I will wait by the mailbox standing on
A MADE-UP HOLIDAY

one foot

two feet

CIRCLE ONE

Love, _____
YOUR NAME

P.S. _____
ONE LAST SILLY THING

DRAW SOMETHING RIDICULOUS HERE

A portrait of them, your pet as a mail carrier, or the snack from above.