

“I Love You” Card

Primary Objectives

19b. Writes to convey meaning

Why It’s Important

Giving your child a purpose for writing directs his attention away from random scribbling. It is important to give your child a specific task with paper and writing instruments. Creating a greeting card is a great way for your child to practice writing.

Materials

Markers, pens, pencils, or other writing tools; stamps; card stock; old greeting cards

What You Do

1. Set up the art supplies at a table within your child’s reach.
2. Invite your child to make an "I Love You" card for a family member or friend.
3. Ask him to recall cards he has sent or received for a birthday or other special occasion. Show him the greeting cards as an example of what cards can look like. *When did someone give you a card?*
4. Explain that he may use any of the writing instruments to make his own card. Ask him to work on the front and inside of the card. *What will you put on the front? What do you want Daddy to see when he opens the card?*
5. If your child asks, record his dictation on the card. Encourage him to talk about his ideas as he works on the card. *You are using the yellow crayon on the inside. What are you making?*
6. If he is interested, allow him to make multiple cards for other friends or family members.