



Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

# MAIL/POST OFFICE

## LETTER OF THE DAY

# M m

## BOOKS TO SHARE

*I'm A Mail Carrier*  
by Brian Biggs

*It Came In The Mail*  
by Ben Clanton

*Stanley The Mailman*  
by William Bee

*I Miss You Every Day*  
by Simms Taback

*Delivering Your Mail: A Book About Mail Carriers (non-fic)*  
by Ann Owen

*Dear Primo: A Letter To My Cousin*  
by Duncan Tonatiuh

*Millie Waits For The Mail*  
by Alexander Steffensmeier

*Dear Zoo*  
by Rod Campbell

*Send It!*  
by Don Carter

*Larabee*  
by Kevin Luthardt

*The Giant Hug*  
by Sandra Horning

*Hi!*  
by Ann Herbert Scott

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

### Early In the Morning

Early in the morning at eight o'clock  
You can hear the postman knock  
Up jumps **[name of child]** to open the door  
One letter, two letter, three letter, four!

### Mailing Letters

#### Tune: "The Mulberry Bush"

This is the way we mail a letter,  
Mail a letter, mail a letter.  
This is the way we mail a letter,  
So early in the morning.

**[Verses: Write a letter, stamp a letter, mail a letter]**

### Little Letter Carrier

I am a little letter carrier  
Who loves to do nothing better  
I walk, walk, walk **[walk in place]** to your house to  
deliver your letter.

**[Verses: I run, run, run (run in place); I hop, hop hop (hop in place)]**

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

### "Mail/Letter"



Hold your dominant "A" hand up near your mouth as if your thumb were a stamp that you just recently licked. Then place the stamp on the "envelope" represented by your non-dominant hand.

## The Mail Carrier Song

[Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"]

Write, write, write your cards,  
and lots of letters too!  
I will bring them to your friends,  
and they will write back too!

## I'm Gonna Wrap Myself in Paper

I'm gonna wrap myself in paper.  
I'm gonna dot myself with glue.  
Stick some stamps on top of my head,  
I'm gonna mail myself to you.  
I'm gonna tie me up in a red string.  
I'm gonna tie a blue ribbon too.  
Climb up inside my mailbox,  
I'm gonna mail myself to you!

## Do You Know The Letter "M?"

[Tune: "Do You Know the Muffin Man?"]

Oh, have you seen the letter M  
The letter M, the letter M,  
Oh, have you seen the letter M?  
It makes the sound muh-muh-muh  
Oh, yes I've seen the letter M,  
The letter M, the letter M,  
Oh, yes I've seen the letter M,  
It makes the sound muh-muh-muh.

"Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours"  
by Stevie Wonder (1970)

"Return To Sender" by Elvis Presley  
(1962)

## MORE FUN!

## DIY Post Office Dramatic Play

### Supplies:

Blue construction paper  
Red construction paper  
Various scrap paper  
Scissors  
Tape  
Markers or crayons  
(Optional) Tote bag  
*[to use as your child's 'mail' bag]*  
(Optional) Metal paper fasteners/brads



Fold over a piece of blue construction paper into an arc, and tape/glue to a cardboard or paper base by folding each edge flat.

***You can make multiple mailboxes and label each mailbox or its base with a person and/or place so that your child(ren) can sort and 'deliver' the mail to the correct 'address.'***

Cut an 'L' shape from red construction paper and either glue or fasten using a brad to the outside of the blue paper 'mailbox.'

*If you use the brad, your mailbox flag can actually be lifted up and down like a real mailbox's!*

Now, you and your child(ren) can take turns writing letters together and delivering them! ***This exercise is fantastic for building skill sets in a number of different areas, including functional literacy, sorting, creative thinking, and more!***

Get your child(ren) into the habit of sending physical correspondence -- thank you notes, cards for celebrations, etc. It is great emergent writing practice as well as an opportunity to build relationships with others outside of their immediate family.

What other types of community helpers can you and your child(ren) think of? How are their job duties different from/the same as mail carriers'?

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