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At Home Activities for Families

Thank You Cards

Overview

You will work with your child to write a thank you card to people in their lives who have been kind and generous to them. They will decorate cards by drawing things that the recipient of the card would like.

Ages

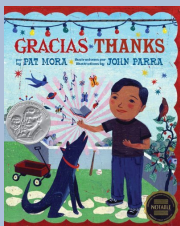
Appropriate for children ages 5-8

Materials Needed for One Child

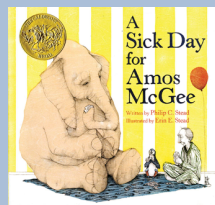
- Pencil
- Paper, preferably construction paper
- Colored pencils / markers / crayons

Paired Books for Virtual Read Alouds

The e-books listed below can be accessed through the New York Public Library's digital collections and touch on the themes of the activity. We recommend reading them with your child before or after completing the activity.



Gracias
by Pat Mora
*Accessible through
OverDrive*



A Sick Day for Amos McGee
by Philip C. Stead
*Accessible through the Bookflix
database*



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Activity Instructions

1. Tell your child that they will be writing a thank you card to someone in their life who has been generous and kind to them.
2. Read through the **Thank You Card Examples** (pg. 3) with your child. Ask your child what they noticed about the thank you cards. Point out how the examples:
 - Started with Dear _____,
 - Ended with Love _____, or Your Friend _____,
 - Included specific details about why the person was saying thank you
3. Help your child choose who to write their thank you card to. Consider family members, friends, or community helpers like doctors/nurses, postal workers, firefighters, teachers, etc.
4. Brainstorm with your child about the following questions:
 - How has that person helped you?
 - How has that person been generous or kind to you?
 - What specifically has that person done that helped you or made you feel good?
5. Fold a piece of construction paper in half and have your child write their thank you note on the inside. If your child struggles to write, consider starting the sentence for them or allowing them to dictate to you what they want to say.
6. After writing their thank you note, have your child write “Thank You _____ (name)” on the front cover and decorate with illustrations of things that the person likes.
7. Help your child deliver their thank you card to the recipient!

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Thank You Card Examples

Dear Mom,

Thank you for helping me with my math homework yesterday. I couldn't have done it without you. I feel lucky that you are my mom!

Love,

Estefania

Dear Ms. Suarez,

You are a really awesome mail carrier. Thank you for always bringing our mail on time, even when it's cold or rainy. You have a really important job, and I like when I get to give you a smile each day.

Your friend,

Abul

