

Pen Pal Best Practices

Share What You've Been Doing

There are many reasons kids will love writing to their pen pal. Topping the list? They get to be the subject of their own story. If your child has trouble knowing where to begin, start small—write about a pet, what they did that week or what they love to eat. They can even write about the weather or include a joke. It's small talk, kid style.

Ask Questions

Pen pal writing is a conversation on paper. Make sure your child includes a few questions to keep the conversation going. It also shows the pen pal your child is interested in what he/she has to say too.

Personalize It

Encourage kids to get creative. Include drawings, add stickers or little things that show your personality. It doesn't have to be big or grand. It can be as simple as using kid-approved stationery or a special way you sign the letter.

Play a game

A fun way to keep the conversation going could be to play a game in the letters. Ongoing Tic-Tac-Toe, hangman, or drawing a picture together. Make writing and communicating fun and creative!

Keep your letters in a folder

Each pair should have a folder that they can keep the letters in. That way as the year goes on you can look back at all the amazing letters you've share.