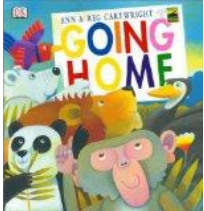


Writer's Workshop Unit

Postcard Writing

Mini Lesson	Lesson Summary	Materials
What Postcards Are	<p>Have students sit at the carpet area.</p> <p>Ask, "Have any of you been to the zoo before? What animals might live at a zoo?"</p> <p>Say, "Many animals that live in a zoo are born there, but others had lived in the wild, and for whatever reasons they now live in the zoo. Zoos are fun places to visit. Today we are going to read a book about animals that live in a zoo. They miss their homes in the wild and they want to go home. Let's read the book."</p> <p>Read <u>Going Home</u> by Mary Ling.</p> <p>After the read aloud, facilitate discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> who was in this book<input type="checkbox"/> what was their problem<input type="checkbox"/> how was it solved<input type="checkbox"/> what did the animals do to "keep in touch" with one another (communicate, talk) <p>Discuss the postcards that the animals wrote.</p> <p>Show the letters that the animals wrote.</p> <p>Ask, "What is a postcard?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> note that is sent to someone<input type="checkbox"/> doesn't have an envelope <p>Come to the conclusion that postcards are notes that are written to other people and sent without an envelope. Encourage students to begin writing postcards at the writing center (work on writing).</p> <p>Dismiss for Writer's Workshop.</p>	 <p><u>Going Home</u> by Mary Ling</p>

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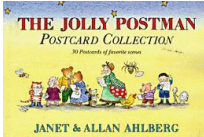
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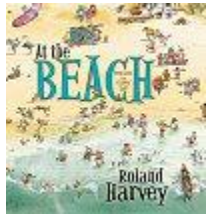
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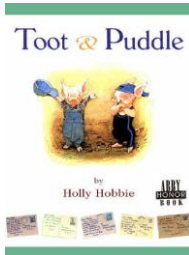


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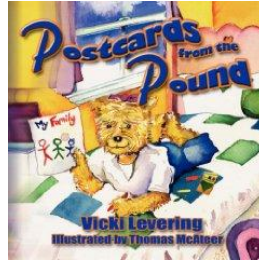
Other Postcard-Writing Books for *Primary Aged Children*:



At the Beach: Postcards from Crabby Spit
by Roland Harvey



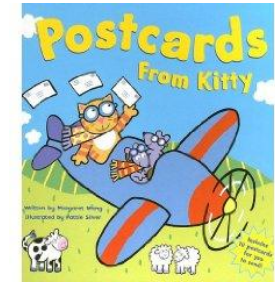
Toot & Puddle
by Holly Hobbie



Postcards from the Pound
by Vicki Levering



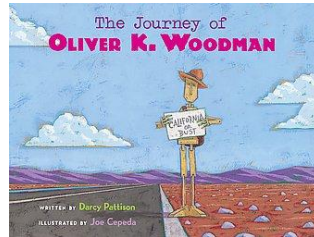
Granny
by Jill Eggleton (Guided Reading Book)



Postcards from Kitty
By Margaret Wang



Meerkat Mail
by Emily Gravett



The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman
by Darcy Pattison

