

Father's Day

Goals

- To honor and thank fathers and surrogate fathers
- To encourage gratitude and generosity
- To practice addressing envelopes



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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Overview:

Children complete gift coupons for their fathers, grandfathers, or surrogate fathers. They enclose coupons in envelopes, address them, and mail or hand deliver.

Materials

- “Father’s Day Coupons” printed 4-per-page and cut to form individual coupons
- “Father’s Day Envelope”

Directions

1. Point to Father’s Day on the calendar. Tell students this is an opportunity to thank their fathers and others who care for them. If you want, tell students how Father’s Day came to be. (See <http://stockholm.usembassy.gov/Holidays/celebrate/fathers.html> for background information.)
2. Ask students to think of something special they could do for their fathers or surrogate fathers. Suggest a variety of ideas wash the car, mow the lawn, put on a play, make lunch, draw a picture, etc. If practical, students might “interview” their fathers ahead of time to get ideas. (See extensions below.) Give each student one or more Father’s Day coupons to complete.
3. Give students copies of the “Father’s Day Envelope”. Have them fold or cut the top corners, and then fold the bottom third of the envelope up and the top third down. Tape the sides of the envelope.
4. Show students how to fill in their return address and the recipient’s address. Younger children can use names only. Have students put their coupons in the envelope to hand deliver or mail.

Stationery Studio Extensions

- Have students use the “Father’s Day Interview” template to interview their fathers and get ideas about what jobs they like best, like least, need help with, etc.
- Let students use the “Father’s Day” border and choose the friendly letter format to write letters to enclose with their coupons or to write a thank you to someone else who is like a father to them.
- Have students staple multiple coupons together as a booklet. Use the “Father’s Day border to design a front cover.
- Plan a Father’s Day celebration and invite fathers and honorary fathers. Have a ceremony in which students present their coupons.
- Have students write poems, stories, or essays about why their fathers are special.
- Choose other *Stationery Studio* borders to make a variety of gift coupons for other occasions. Keep the coupons on hand to encourage students to make gift giving a habit.
- Have students paste photos or drawings of their fathers into their *Stationery Studio* files. Use the Margins Tool to adjust the text area to make room for the picture. Students can also paste or draw pictures on the print copy.