

Mother's Day

Goals

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



Overview:

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

Materials

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

Directions

1. Point to Mother’s Day on the calendar. Tell students this is an opportunity to thank their mothers and others who care for them. If you want, tell students how Mother’s Day came to be. (See <http://stockholm.usembassy.gov/Holidays/celebrate/mothers.html> for background information.)
2. Ask students to think of something they could do for their mothers, grandmothers, or surrogate mothers. Suggest a variety of ideas – make breakfast, weed the garden, draw a picture, clean their rooms, give extra hugs, etc. If practical, students might “interview” their mothers ahead of time to get ideas. (See extensions below.) Give each student one or more Mother’s Day coupons to complete.
3. Give students copies of the “Mother’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 envelopes to hand deliver or mail.

Stationery Studio Extensions

- Have students use the “Mother’s Day Interview” template to interview their mothers and get ideas about what jobs they like best, like least, need help with, etc.
- Let students use the “Mother’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 mother to them.
- Have students staple multiple coupons together as a booklet. Use the Mother’s Day border to design a front cover .
- Plan a Mother’s Day celebration and invite mothers and honorary mothers. Have a ceremony in which students present their coupons.
- Have students write poems, stories or essays about why their mothers 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 mothers 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.