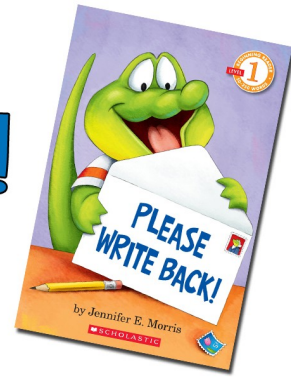


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TEACHER'S GUIDE



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Alfie, an adorable alligator, writes a letter to Grandma all by himself. He addresses the letter, stamps it, and mails it. Alfie waits and waits for a response. Will Grandma write back?

WAYS TO INTERACT WITH THE BOOK...

WAITING

Discuss times in life when we have to wait. Have the children think of a time when they had to wait for something, such as a bus, or their birthday party. Talk about ways to pass the time when we are waiting for something to happen. Why are some ways better than others? Have the children draw a picture of a good way to pass the time when they have to wait for something.

LETTER WRITING

Discuss the main parts of a letter; the salutation, the body and the closing. Have the children write a thank you letter to a family member using one of the Alfie Stationery sheets. Note if you use the 5”x7” stationery, it will fit nicely inside in the envelopes made in the next activity.

MAKE AN ENVELOPE

Discuss the parts of a properly addressed envelope; the address, return address and the postage. Discuss why we use addresses and how they help the postal service deliver our mail. Have the children make their own envelopes. Print out the [Envelope Template activity sheet](#). Have the children cut out the envelopes on the heavy black lines. Then fold each flap up on the dotted lines. Fold the two side flaps and the bottom flap toward the center of the envelope and secure with a piece of tape, being careful not to tape the opening shut. Insert a letter, then tape the envelope shut. Address the envelope, using a sticker in place of a real stamp.

PHILATELY

Philately is a fancy word for stamp collecting. Stamp collecting has been around about as long as there have been stamps. Have the children examine some stamps. On several large index cards, paste 5 or 6 different stamps then laminate the cards. Have the children look at the stamps with magnifying glasses. Ask the children about what they see. Which stamp has the most postage? Are there any stamps from another country? Which stamp is their favorite? Why? Then have the children design their own stamps with the [Design a Stamp activity sheet](#).