

Publishing Place: A Writing Center



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Books, pamphlets, magazines	Self-adhesive notes and address labels	Abundance of assorted paper
Calendars of various types	File folders	Posters/signs about mailing
Grocery ads/fliers	Clipboards	Books of words
Personal stationery	Telephone books	Business cards
Stapler, scissors, tape	Picture Dictionaries	Individual student journals
Thematic stationery	ABC index cards	Personal dictionaries
Note cards	Wallpaper sample book	Post office mailbox
Pens, pencils, markers	Assorted forms	Message pads
Large plastic clips	Blank recipe cards	Directions for bookmaking
Notepads of assorted sizes	Emergency number decals	Computer/address labels
Computer keyboard or typewriter	Empty grocery containers	Stickers, stars, stamps and stamp pads
Pictures for story starters	Revising & editing checklist	Food coupons
Index cards	Small message board	Labeled recipe boxes
Appointment book	Tote bag for mail	Envelopes, postal forms

Activities

- Glue a picture onto a sheet of paper and write a story about it.
- Use a greeting card to write a note to a friend.
- Make a book!
- Use the revision and editing checklists to edit a journal entry.
- Write in your journal.
- Write a how-to or following directions activity to share with a friend or the class.
- Write a sticker story or stamp-a-story.

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Gather a large assortment of publishing materials, including writing tools (colored pens, pencils, markers), a variety of writing paper, stationery, postcards and envelopes (colors, sizes, and shapes), blank books, journals, dictionaries, writing prompts, editing posters, charts describing what good writers do, checklists, and construction paper for covers. You may also want to include samples of good writing, rubrics, and picture book samples of letter writing, journals, and postcards (see writing bibliography).

Work in progress needs to have a designated spot and so does the work that is ready to be checked by the teacher for publication on the computer.

Organization and storage of materials is critical to the success of Publishing Place. Children need to know exactly where to put things. Labeled trays and bins are helpful.

Placement of this center should allow for visibility and easy access to the classroom names chart, alphabet chart and the word wall.

What do they write about? Children may write responses to stories, retellings and/or summaries, or copy changes of old favorites. This is also a good place for writing and publishing personal narratives.

Shopping City

Materials

Grocery cart	Nonperishable grocery items	Pencils
Shopping list	Weekly grocery ads	Coupons
Menus from fast food restaurants	Calculators	Play money
Checkbooks (fake, of course!)	Shopping picture books	

Design and Storage

Provide a grocery cart or two in the center for students to use while "shopping," or to store items they can browse through. Shopping carts are available in many sizes and colors (Target, Cost Plus and some toy stores have them).

Activities

- Encourage students to use their temporary or invented spelling to create their wish lists or shopping lists.
- Options for older students:

Provide cookbooks and give students a specific task, such as making lunch for your family. Create a menu and a shopping list for the necessary ingredients.

You and 3 of your friends go to a fast food restaurant for lunch. Select a drink, a sandwich and dessert for each. Place your order and determine the final bill. (option: allow them only so much money and determine the change)

Use catalogs for making your Christmas shopping list.

Make a chart to compare and contrast story elements in picture books about shopping (See attached list of suggested titles.)

Suggested Titles for Shopping City:

Amelia Bedelia and the Christmas List by Herman Parish, Lynn Sweat (Illustrator)

Caillou at the Market by Marion Johnson

Don't Forget the Bacon! Big Book (Mulberry Big Books) by Pat Hutchins (Illustrator)

Farmers' Market by Paul Brett Johnson

Grandpa's Corner Store by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan (Illustrator)

Just Shopping with Mom (A Golden Look-Look Book) by Mercer Mayer (Illustrator)

Louie & Bloop and the Swapped Shopping by Mike Bostock

Maisy Goes Shopping: Board Book Plush Pal (Backpack Pals) by Lucy Cousins

Market Day by Eve Bunting, Holly Berry (Illustrator)

Market Day: A Story Told with Folk Art by Lois Ehlert

Molly Goes Shopping by Eva Eriksson, Elisabeth Kallick Dyssegaard (Translator)

My Granny Went To Market: A Round-the-world Counting Rhyme by Stella Blackstone, Christopher Corr (Illustrator)

On Market Street by Arnold Lobel, Anita Lobel (Illustrator)

Pigs Go to Market : Fun with Math and Shopping (Aladdin Picture Books) by Amy Axelrod, Sharon McGinley-Nally (Illustrator)

Salt & Pepper at the Pike Place Market by Carol A. Losi, Westwinds Press, Amy Meissner (Illustrator)

Saturday Market by Patricia Grossman, Enrique O. Sanchez (Illustrator)

Teddybears Go Shopping (Teddybears Books) by Susanna Gretz

The Berenstain Bears at the Super-Duper Market by Stan Berenstain

This Little Egg Went to Market by Harriet Ziefert, Emily Bolam (Illustrator)

To Market, To Market by Anne Miranda, Janet Stevens (Illustrator)