



Will texts become the future thank-you note?

Increasingly, children inhabit a fast-paced world of technology where instant forms of communication are the norm. It generally doesn't even occur to kids to write letters to pen pals and grandmothers, or thank-you notes for

birthday and holiday gifts, unless prompted by an adult.

"No amount of technology can ever replace the art of a handwritten letter," says Louise Fox, owner of EtiquetteLadies.com, a leading children's etiquette educator in North America. "It shows the person that you care enough to take the time to sit down and write. It's important for children to develop this skill, not only to develop their writing skills, but to teach them to be courteous and gracious."

Some tips to encourage your child to pick up a pen and write a letter:

~ Even very young children who can't yet write can dictate their letters to you and draw pictures to go with their words. This is a great way to introduce letter writing to your children.

~ Before your child starts writing, offer to help brainstorm what the letter could say. This can help prevent the frustration of "writer's block."

~ Don't criticize your child's letters or insist on perfection. Getting the thoughts down on paper is what matters, not whether there's a mistake in spelling or grammar.

~ Providing fun, attractive stationery to write on often motivates kids to write letters (adults, too!).

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