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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Invite your child to color the picture and sign his or her name, then fold the paper in quarters to make a card.

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Greeting Card – Birthday

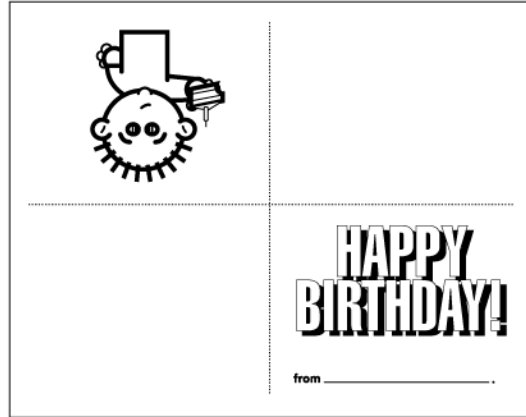
Make a birthday card for a friend.

SET UP*

You will need:



or



WHAT TO DO

Your young child can make his or her very own personalized birthday card and send it to a friend or relative. Help your child set a purpose by talking about birthdays in general, and the recipient's birthday in particular. Talk about what it means to have an event happen once a year, every year, on the same date. Ask your child to think about the person for whom this card is intended.

Fold the page in quarters to make a card. Have your child draw and decorate it any way he or she likes. Read the words on the card for your child, and note that the words can be colored too. Help him or her think of ways to make the card special to the person whose birthday it is by choosing certain colors or drawing particular people, memories, or favorite things.

Vary the activity by providing glue and collage materials such as beads, seeds, buttons, glitter, and so on. Or you can offer paint, or any other media you happen to have.

LEARNING GOALS

Drawing helps children communicate thoughts and feelings. Creating a birthday card supports awareness of the calendar. Sending a card supports social connection, including a sense of empathy.

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=scissors



=markers



=crayons



=pencil or pen



=tape



=leaves



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