

Hark! The Aardvark Angels Sing

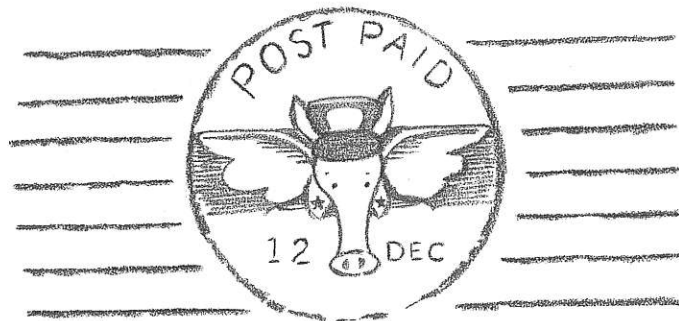
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Ideas for Activities

1. Stamps

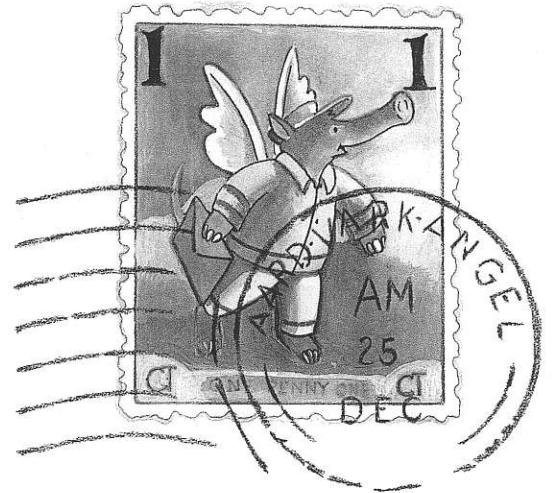
Tear the stamps from letters that are not being saved, and the postmarks during Christmas, and keep a collection. On a map of the world, hung in the classroom or in the home, place a pin in each place that a letter is from.

Give the students a stamp format and let them design a stamp. They can represent themselves as official or historical people, give their stamp a monetary value, decide which country it is to be from.



Postmarks

As with the stamps let the children collect postmarks, and look for different shapes other than circles. Let them trace around round objects, square, rect, triang., and make their own postmark. They may decide to spell out a date, use numerals, put a logo on it.





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Labels

See how many different labels that aid postal delivery can be found on packages, junk mail, letters, that send the mail on different routes--i.e. express, rush, airmail--Make a bulletin board that shows a package with all these different labels on them.

Invite someone in from the mailing center or post office that can tell you how much some things cost to mail, and the route things take. One way to do this is to have the students choose a remote place on the globe that they would like to mail something to. Make up a letter and a package for this place and learn from the postal worker the different services and costs for getting it there. But also, the route it may have to take.

Shipping Materials

Make a collage of the different papers that are used for envelopes and cartons, and another using the "popcorn" forms of styrofoam that protect our mail, as well as bubble wrap. All are available at a mailing center.

