Spread Cheer with a Homemade Postcard

It can be so exciting to receive mail. Let’s create a postcard to send to someone—even a friend or a friend you haven’t met yet—to spread cheer.

**Materials:** Paper, Coloring Materials, Ruler, Stamp

**Optional Materials:** Glue, Scissors, Stickers

*Tip: Heavy paper, like cardstock, works best for a postcard, but if you don’t have any on hand, you can glue two pieces of paper together to make your paper thicker.*

Step 1: Using your ruler, measure out your postcard. The standard postcard size is 4 inches x 7 inches. If you are gluing two pieces of paper together to make a thicker postcard, make sure to measure out two rectangles. *Tip: If you don’t have a ruler, measuring tape or a ruler app will also work!*

Step 2: Design and color in your postcard. On the other side, or in the other rectangle, write out your message. Who will you send it to? What will you say? You can talk about a favorite hobby, a book you are reading, a fun game you like to play, or more. It is up to you! Make sure to leave room for an address and stamp!

Step 3: Cut out your postcard. If you are using two pieces of paper, cut out both and glue them together carefully.

How many postcards will you make? You can send them to a friend or to a friendly resident at Friendship Village in Kalamazoo.

Friendship Village is accepting postcards for their residents. If you want to send a postcard to them, address it to:

Friendship Village  
Attn: Activities/Life Enrichment  
1400 North Drake Road  
Kalamazoo, Mi 49006