



Seedling Pen Pal

The summer months can drag on when you're counting down the days to when you can see your mentee again. The Summer Pen Pal approach is a great remedy, and only requires a little advanced planning.

To make arrangements to share letters with your mentee this summer, follow these simple steps to have everything in place before the school year ends:

- Ask your mentee if he/she would like to be pen pals with you this summer.
- If your mentee would like to participate, let your Mentor Director know that you are interested in being your mentee's pen pal.
- Ask your School Contact to call the child's caregiver and get verbal permission for the school to share the family's home address with you for mailing.
- *When you write to your mentee, enclose a stamped envelope addressed to:*
Seedling Foundation
Attention: [your name]
2800 South IH 35 Suite 170
Austin, TX 78704

so that the mentee can write back to you via the Seedling office. We will ensure that your mentee's letter is forwarded to your home address.

Mentors outside AISD: Before talking to your School Contact, please allow your Mentor Director to "run interference."

Important note: Write letters that are genuine, but also casual and age appropriate. Assume that your letters will be read by family members. We recommend typing or printing, as some students have not learned to read cursive handwriting easily.