

RAFT IDEAS

Topics: Friendship,
Bookmaking

Materials List

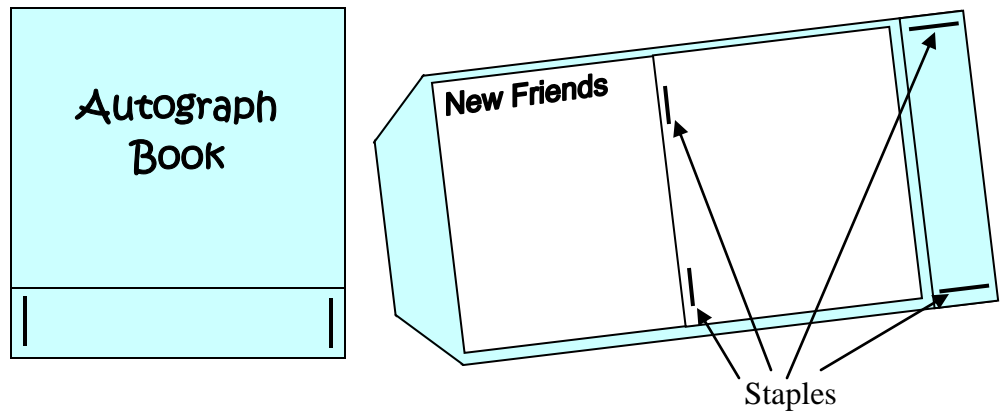
- ✓ Card stock
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Long arm stapler

This activity can be used to support the teaching of:

- Write opinions and informative/explanatory texts (Common Core English Language Arts Standards: Writing, Grades K-5, 1; Grade K, 2)
- Identify parts of a book (Common Core English Language Arts Standards: Reading Informational, Grade K, 5)
- Experiment w/ forms, structures & materials (National Visual Arts Standards: Creating, Grades K-8)



Autograph Book



Assembling the Autograph Book

1. Cut a 21 cm x 28 cm (8½" x 11") piece of card stock in half lengthwise so you have two 10.5 cm x 28 cm (4¼" x 11") pieces of paper. One of these will be the cover of your book.
2. Mark 2.5 cm (1") in from the edge of one of the short edges of the cover. Bring the opposite short edge over to the mark and fold it to form the "spine" of the book.
3. Open the book and fold the right side at the mark. Staple the top and bottom of the book to form a pocket to tuck the front cover into. Trim the corners off the left side of the cover so that it can slip into the pocket.
4. Three autograph pages will fit on one 21 cm x 28 cm (8½" x 11") sheet of paper. To make the pages with pre-printed headings, set up the page in 2 columns. Move the left margin of the 2nd column towards the left side approximately 18 mm (¾"). After printing trim 18 mm (¾") off the right side of the sheet of paper to make it the right size to fit into the book. Cut the sheet into three autograph pages, which will be about 9 cm x 20 cm (~3⅔" x 7¾"). (Alternate assembly: Cut three pages from each sheet of paper and trim to fit into autograph book cover. Have students handwrite the headings on each page when book is finished.)
5. Fold the autograph pages in half. Open them up and center the stack over the crease in cover.
6. Staple through all sheets in the stack twice, making sure staples close completely. A small piece of tape can be used to cover staple if desired.

Inside the Autograph Book

Autograph books can be made with blank or preprinted pages. On the backside of this page are some examples of autograph page headings.

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=285 for more resources!)

LONGEST AUTOGRAPH	<i>Shortest Autograph</i>
Autographs of my friends whose first name that start with... A _____ B _____ C _____	Autographs of my friends whose last name starts with... A _____ B _____ C _____
<i>Long haired friends</i>	Short haired friends
<i>Green eyed friends</i>	Brown eyed friends
Sign your name in Bubble letters	Sign your name in another language
Sign your nick name	Sign and tell me who you were named after
Friends who have dogs	Friends who have cats
Friends who like pizza	Friends who have been to
LEFT HANDED FRIENDS	Friends from other classes
New friends	My neighbors
Who are you named after	Adults autographs