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Postmaster Cynthia Clark showed Riley Mahaffey, 4, of Amentia, N.Y., how to cancel the stamps she had put on Valentine's cards she made for her parents.

Youngsters learn about stamps and ZIP codes

SHARON — It was very cold last Tuesday, Feb. 12, but cold weather would not keep a group of students from the Sharon Day Care from their appointed rounds — which that day included a visit to the post office.

At 10:30 that morning, nine 3- and 4-year-old students from the center walked across Route 41 to get to the post office, so they could mail the Valentine's Day cards they had made for their parents.

Roz Goldfarb, the day care center's director, head teacher Margaret Bardot and teacher Jan Dudek led the students, all bundled up in their warmest winter outerwear for the short walk from the center (which is

on the grounds of Sharon Center School) to the post office.

Postmaster Cynthia Clark welcomed the group and invited everyone "into the back," where they got a lesson in how mail is sorted for delivery.

After the backstage tour, Goldfarb purchased stamps for the students, who were taught where to place them on the envelopes. The students took turns putting on the stamps and then, under Clark's direction, they hand-canceled the stamps on the envelopes.

The students then walked to the lobby, where they mailed their cards by dropping them in the proper outgoing mail slot.

— Asher Pavel