



Pilgrim children were often named for the virtues their parents held dear, as well as the experiences they encountered on their voyage to or life in America. Write the following names on the chalkboard. Invite students to guess what each name represents and why parents would choose the name for a child.

**Oceanus**

(reminds you of the sea; baby born on Mayflower voyage was given this name)

**Remember**

(to think about the past)

**Wrestling**

(a kind of fighting)

**Desire**

(to want something very much)

**Love**

(to care a lot)

**Resolved**

(to never give up)

**Humility**

(not to be too proud)

**Constanta**

(to never change)

# Teacher Share

## Pilgrim Postcards

Invite children to pretend they are Pilgrims writing notes to people they miss and love far away in their homeland. Share with students that they might be writing to loved ones in Holland and England after their Mayflower voyage, first winter in Plimoth, or Thanksgiving feast. Give each student a copy of the postcard pattern. (See page 12.) Have children cut out the postcards and glue the back sides together. They can draw pictures about Pilgrim life on the front and write messages on the back, telling something special that happened to them or describing something of interest. Students can design colorful stamps and address their postcards to fictitious friends back home. (This is a good opportunity to explore common Pilgrim names. See Tip, left.)

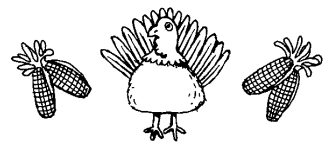
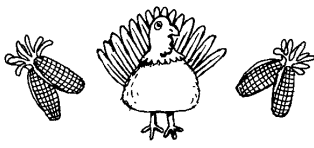
Before they write home, encourage your students to gather background information about Pilgrims. Share picture books or visit these web sites:

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# Pilgrim Postcards

Front of postcard: Draw picture