Invisible Ink Recipes

Recipe #1: Lemon Juice

What you need:

- Lemon juice
- Paper (try different types of paper, e.g., copy paper, index cards, construction paper)
- Small bowl
- Cotton swab or Q-tip
- Alternate item: salt
- Alternate item: wax crayon

What you do:

1. Put a little lemon juice in a small bowl.
2. Dip your cotton swab or Q-tip in the “ink” and write your message (do not use too much liquid!). Allow ink to dry completely.
3. To reveal the message, simply heat the paper by holding it up to a light bulb. Hold it close, but do not touch it to the bulb; you don’t want a fire! The acidic parts of the paper (lemon juice) should turn brown. You can also iron the paper and reveal the message, which should appear brown.

Alternate instructions: While ink is still wet, shake salt on the message. Brush off salt only after the message is fully dry. To reveal the message, rub a wax crayon over the paper.

See recipe #2 on the other side!
Recipe #2: Milk

What you need:

✔ Milk
✔ Small bowl
✔ Cotton swab or Q-tip
✔ Paper (try different types of paper, e.g., copy paper, index cards, construction paper)

What you do:

1. Put some milk in a small bowl.

2. Dip your cotton swab or Q-tip in the “ink” and write your message, being careful not to use too much liquid. Allow it to dry completely.

3. To reveal the message, simply heat the paper by holding it up to a light bulb (or iron it). The message should appear a faint brown.