

Writing at Home

Help your child LOVE drawing and writing. Build your child's confidence and encourage him/her along the road to becoming a confident writer!

Things to Remember

- Writing should be fun and stress free!
- Allow your child to draw and write at his/her level. Every child starts by scribbling. Scribbling is a way for a child to put his/her thoughts on paper in a way that makes sense to him/her.
- Let your child know you value what he/she "writes". Read it, hang it up, or take the list with you to the store.
- The pictures are just as important as the words! Encourage your child to draw about his/her writing!
- Use a variety of tools to write with to make writing fun! You can use pencils, pens, markers, and crayons.



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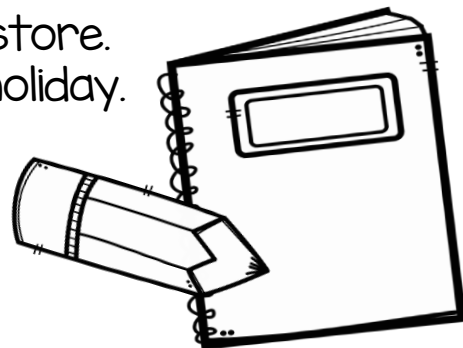
Building a Writer

- Encourage your child to write letters, draw shapes/pictures, and various types of lines.
- Help your child sound out words.
- Make word cards with pictures for your child to copy.
- Notice when words rhyme and brainstorm more rhyming words.
- Notice beginning and ending sounds in words.
- Clap how many syllables a word has.
- Let your child see YOU writing in your daily life!



CREATING PURPOSEFUL REASONS TO DRAW AND WRITE

- Make a shopping list before going to the store.
- Make a card for someone's birthday or holiday.
- Create a thank you card.
- Write a note to remember something.
- Make a "To Do" list.
- Make a "wish list".
- Write a letter to someone special.
- Create a book about a memory, special event, or holiday.
- Put a message board in the kitchen and write silly messages to each other.
- Make a sign for each person's door in your house.
- Make fun post-it notes and hide them all over your home.
- Make lunchbox notes for siblings.
- Make or buy a journal for your child to write and draw all his/her thoughts, ideas, feelings, and important/daily events in.
- Make a menu for dinner or a special occasion.
- Make a poster.



Make a Writing Basket

Find a basket and fill it with fun tools your child can use for writing!

Here are some ideas of things you can add:

Crayons
Pencils
Markers
Note Pads
Stationary Paper
Construction Paper
Post-It Notes
Envelopes
Glitter Glue

Stapler
Scissors
Glue
Stickers
Tape
Stencils
Word Cards
Letter Cards
Letter Charts

