



The Importance of Writing

- Reading and **writing** are both forms of spoken language.
- **Writing** develops from scribbles to **writing** letters and sentences.
- Children can learn pre-reading skills by participating in **writing** activities.

Writing activities that prepare for reading

- **Write** your child's first name, point out the sound of the first letter.
- Have your child draw you a picture and tell you about it.
- Have your child draw pictures for a story; **write** what they say.
- Encourage children to scribble, draw shapes, draw/**write** letters and make their own book.

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- Make it easy for your child to **write** throughout the day.
- Set-up a space where your child can go on his or her own and use **writing** materials.
- Provide pencils, crayons, or markers of different sizes to see what is most comfortable for your child.
- Use unlined paper and begin with up-percase letters.
- Try **writing** favorite words first, such as your child's name or "Mom" and "Dad".

Write and Share

- Show examples of your **writing**: lists, letters, thank you notes, instructions, etc.
- **Write** your child a note and leave it in the writing area.
- Display your child's **writing**.