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.

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 uppercase 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.