

Encouraging Writing At Home

Write for a Reason



- Encourage writing for authentic purposes.
- Write letters to friends and relatives.
- Make your own invitations, birthday cards, holiday cards.
- Write items on a grocery list.
- Leave written messages for other family members.
- Write out a recipe.

Provide the Tools

- Have many writing tools and materials available.
- Writing implements can include: pens, pencils, markers, crayons, stamps, chalk, paint.
- Have different types of paper available: notepads, booklets, stationary, construction paper, postcards, envelopes.



Make it Fun



- Incorporate writing while playing games and during imaginary play.
- Keep score while playing board games.
- Play doctor, and write prescriptions on a notepad.
- Make menus and take orders while playing restaurant.
- Play school: Take attendance, write a 'morning message', create work sheets, write on the chalkboard.
- Make your own books. Take photos or draw pictures, and write a word or sentence for each picture.