



LET'S GET TALKING



Watch Me Write

Parents can make a big difference in helping a child develop writing skills by encouraging writing activities that are simple and fun.

(adapted from: Put it to Paper: Tips for Parents to Improve a Child's Writing Skills; Super Duper Handy Handouts)

Here are some ideas to promote your child's writing skills.

Create a Writing Corner

Set up a designated area with comfortable seating and good lighting where your child can express themselves creatively.

Have different writing materials available

You can include crayons, chalk, decorative pencils, markers, finger paint, coloured paper, notebooks, note cards, envelopes, clipboards - the ideas are endless!



Write it down!

Provide your child with various opportunities to practice writing. Some ideas include:

- Notes for family members
- Letters to friends
- Thank you cards
- Grocery lists
- Menus for family meals
- Stories
- Postcards
- Lyrics of favourite songs



The goal is to encourage your child to bring pen (or pencil, or paint, etc.) to paper. Your child doesn't need to use real words, or even real letters! Whatever they "write" is okay!

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