

Write with Me!

ENCOURAGING EARLY WRITING WITH YOUR CHILD



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Learning to Write



Do you remember how your child learned to talk?

Your child went through several necessary stages in the development of oral language:

- cooing,
- babbling,
- playing with sounds
- saying words “Mama”
- spoke in phrases or sentences



Learning to Write



- Similarly, written language development follows predictable stages.
- Your child will go through several stages until he or she becomes a competent writer.



Stages of Writing Development



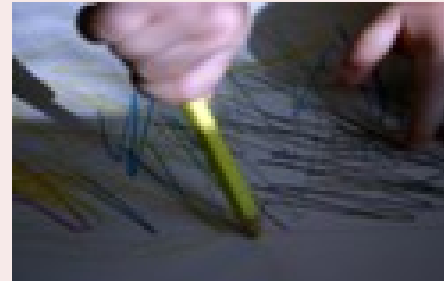
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Drawing as writing



Scribble writing



Letter-like circles or lines

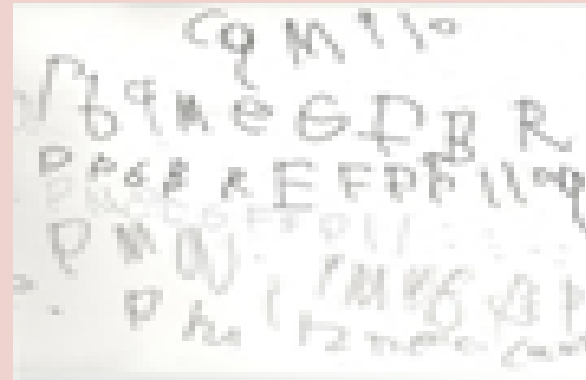


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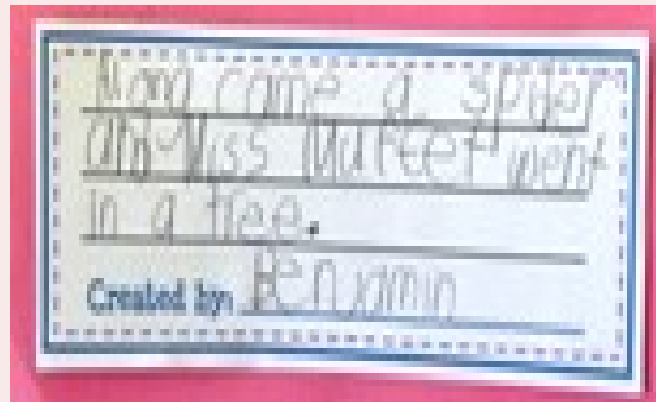
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Letter strings of random letters



Copying from Environmental Print



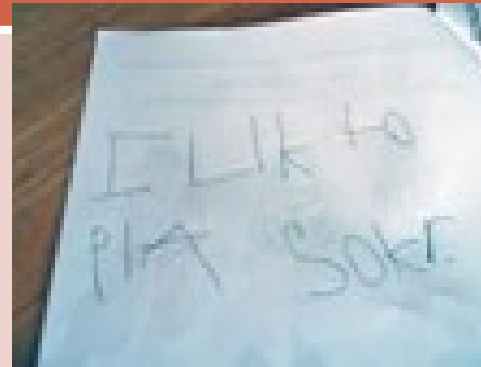
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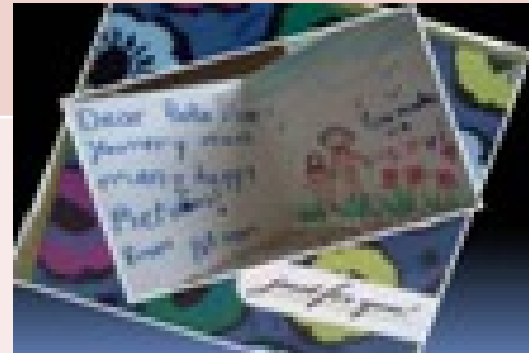
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Invented spelling



Correct spelling



How we teach writing at school...



- Modeled
- Shared
- Guided
- Independent



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For YOU.
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Teacher Demonstration



- Pencil grip
- Use of lines
- Say, listen, think-connect letter sounds to words



How to help your child at home....



- **Encourage your child to express ideas and emotions by writing them down**
- **Don't worry about correct spelling. Help them “sound out” words to hear the letter sounds-first letter**
- **Encourage your child to read what he or she wrote**
- **Show your child how YOU write.**



Writing can be part of family life!



Many activities at home provide natural opportunities for putting early writing skills to work.

Home Writing Activities



• Grocery Lists



FLOUR
CORNMEAL
SALT
OIL
EGG
Water



Grocery List
- milk
- eggs
- bread
- Chocolate !!

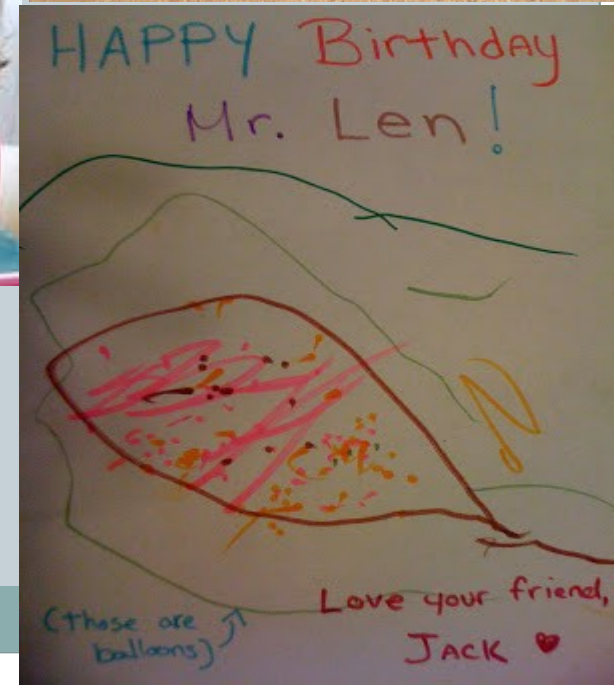
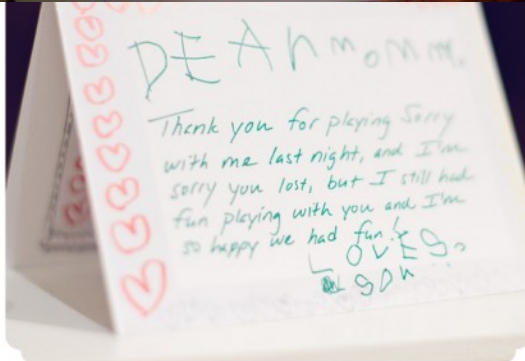
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Home Writing Activities



• Card Making



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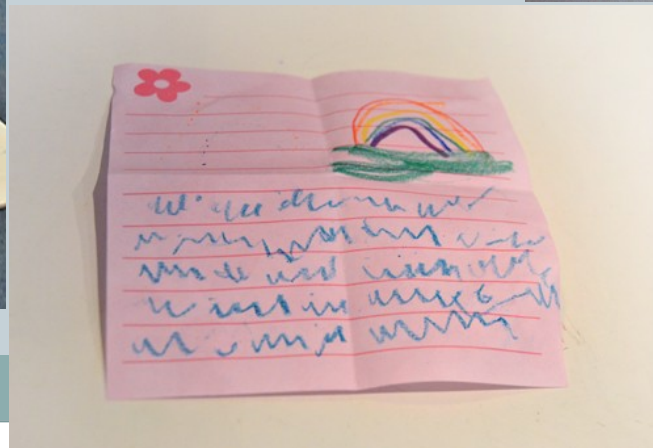
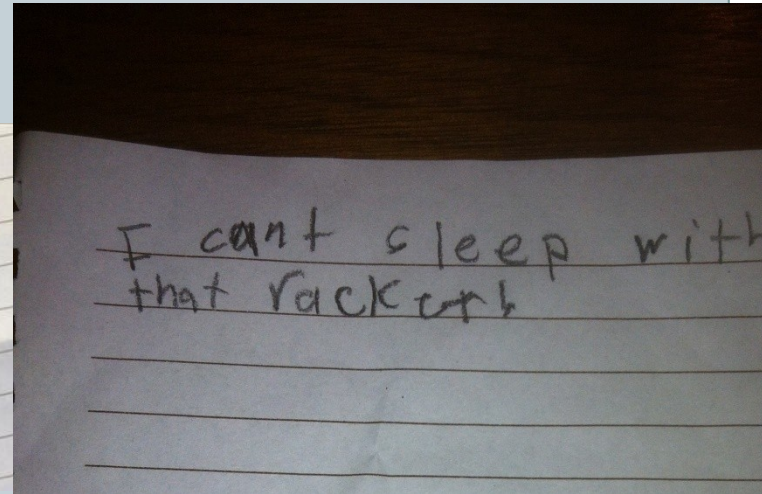
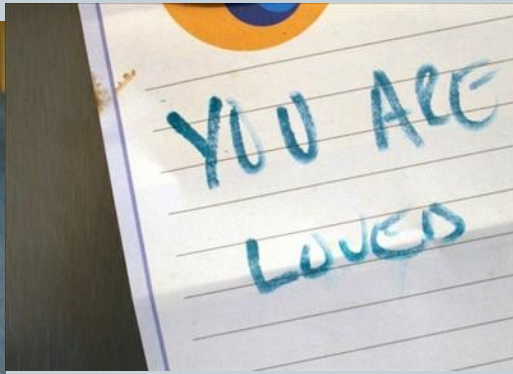


• Our Family Album



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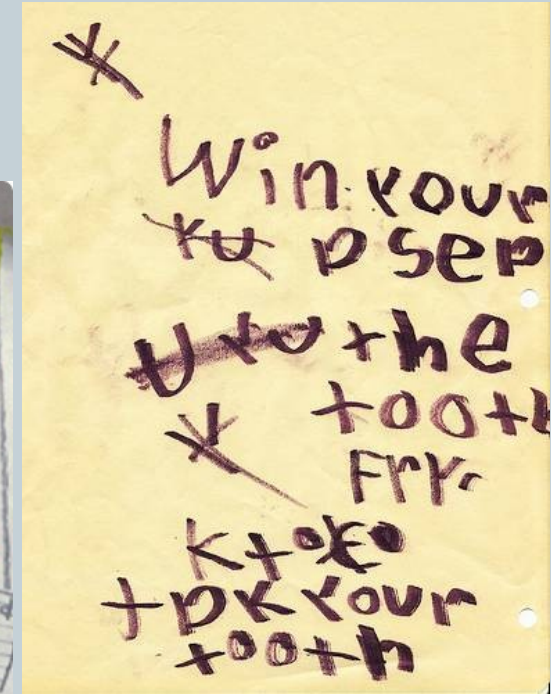
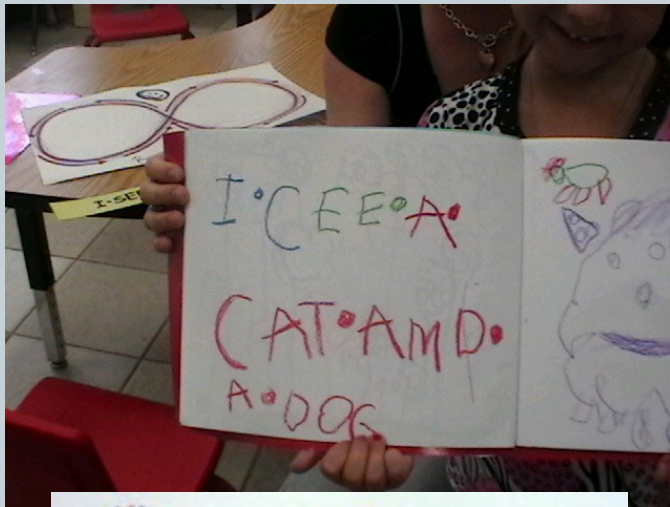
- **Home Mailbox-Notes to each other**



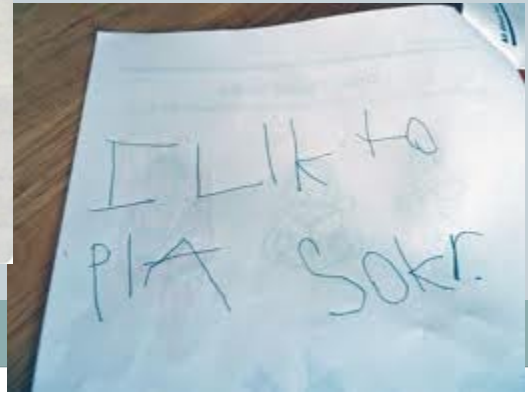
Home Writing Activities



• My own journal



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It was dishis.



Let's Play with Writing

