



Writing

Reading and writing go together. Both are ways to represent the spoken word. Writing goes through stages from light markings to letter like forms to drawing letters to forming them. Writing helps children understand that print has meaning. When children scribble and then say what it means, they are understanding that what they have written or drawn means something. The beginning of writing for very young children is learning how to use their hands and fingers so that later they will hold crayons and pencils.

As you write with children, you have the opportunity to support their pre-reading skills in little ways that add up to make a difference by the time children enter school. Using the five practices (Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing and Playing) to support the early literacy skills in enjoyable ways is the best way to help children enter school ready to learn to read.

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