

Early Writing:

Setting the stage for literacy learning



Why it's important:

Early writing is the representation of thinking and showcases a child's growing knowledge about letters and sounds.

- When young children draw and write, they are formulating, editing and expressing their ideas. Drawing is a significant step in this process.
- Writing is a critical piece of learning to read: children represent what they know about letters and sounds as they put their ideas into words.
- **Connecting writing to meaningful stories in their lives helps children see that writing and reading--letters and words--are useful for expressing themselves in the world.**

Challenge?

Encourage your child to add details in their drawings, and lots of colour so the book is interesting to look at.

Once the book is finished make a cover and remember to include a title and names of the authors and illustrators!

I Remember...

In this activity your child will make a short book or series of drawings about an event--holiday or celebration--that was special for them.

For each page your child will write about the picture starting with:

I remember...

Share the pen!

If there are letters your child knows how to write, hand them the pencil and give them support to put that letter down themselves.

For very beginning writers, use labels to identify features in their drawings.

Share the book with people you love!

***Tip: if you have the capacity to print photos, It's a great way to connect images that might be on a phone to meaningful text.*