

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.**



Dear Author...

Does your child have a favourite story that they just love reading again and again...and again?!

Why not write the author and tell them so?

Many author websites have a space for writing a message or an address to mail a letter to. You may even get a return message!

*Dear...,
I just love your book called
The part I like best is
Thank you for the book!
From,*

Is there anything else you want the author to know?

Challenge?

Start a story journal where you keep track of the books you've read and add a picture of a favourite part. Have your child copy the name of the title.