

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.
- **In this activity your child will represent with words and pictures the people who are special to them. This contributes to their sense of identity and connects their ideas with print in meaningful expression.**

Challenge?

Think about how you could deliver these messages to these favourite people. What would you like to tell them?
Is there something you could do to thank them?



My Favourite People

resource: Jennifer Serravallo, *Writing Strategies Book*, 2017

Who are the people who make your child feel special? Ask them!

It might be friends or family, or it might be a teacher or coach. It could be anyone who has made them feel safe and believes in them.

Draw a picture, or write a letter, or make a collection for a book!

Some prompting questions:

- What do they do to let you know they care about you?
- What's a favourite memory with them?
- What do you like about them?
- What do you like to do together?

If your child is not able to write many words yet, write it for them. Getting these ideas into words is important.