

Writing Task Cards

Varied Supplies

Provide your child with a wide variety of writing supplies such as pencils, pens, alphabet stickers, etc. Let your child create writing using the variety of supplies.

Playdough

Let your child play with playdough to develop fine motor skills. It is important that young children develop their fine motor skills so they will be more successful at performing the task of writing.

Etching

Let your child color an entire piece of paper with crayon. Paint over the crayon with a thin black paint. After the paint dries let your child use a paper clip to etch letters and pictures into the paint.

Write with a picture

Explain that writing is a way of communicating on paper. Allow young children to write by drawing pictures

Write in syllables

As children begin writing letters they will start with the beginning sound. Make it easier to continue writing more letters by clapping the syllables and having them write a letter to represent each syllable.

Copy Cat

Have your child copy words that s/he sees everywhere in the world. These words might come from the grocery store, newspaper, books, or on T.V. The more your child interacts with the language both oral and written the better reader and writer s/he will be.

Alphabet Book

Write each letter of the alphabet on a separate sheet of paper. Write a word that begins with the letter and a picture of the word. Staple the pages together to make a book.

Writing Experiences

Write about the experiences you share with your child. After you go to the park write about your adventures. How did you get there? What did you see? Where did you play? Who did you play with? Etc.

Writing in Play

As your children participate in dramatic play include paper and pencil so they can write. For example, while playing house they could write a grocery list or pay the bills. A waitress might write down the person's order or write a menu. Making writing available is the key.