



WHY WRITE AT HOME?

Writing helps students learn about letter formation and the relationship between letters and sounds. It also supports spelling and grammar. Children learn how to develop ideas through writing.

Families of

K-3 Children



Make an “Office” for Your Child.

Develop purpose.

- Give your child different kinds of paper, pencils, and crayons.
- Provide ideas and reasons to write, such as grocery or to-do lists.
- Encourage story writing, or have your child describe how to do different activities, like make a bed.



Talk About Sounds and Words.

Build vocabulary and teach letter sounds in words.

- Ask what your child is writing about.
- Be ready to answer his or her questions about words, sounds, or ideas when writing.
- Help your child with forming letters or matching letters or letter patterns with their sounds.



Have Fun!

Develop motivation for writing.

- Each day, show your child things that you write, like grocery lists or instructions for the babysitter.
- Write stories together with your child.
- Have your child write in different ways, like writing stories, journal entries, or observation logs.

Read!

Good writers read—a LOT!

- Provide your child with different kinds of reading materials and talk about the text and what he or she has learned or noticed.
- Help your child use newly learned words in his or her writing.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Essential Instructional Practices in Early Literacy: Grades K to 3

<https://literacyessentials.org>

Tips and Resources: <https://colorincolorado.org>

Toolkit for Parents: <http://www.ldonline.org/article/5593>

Suggested Activities: <http://teachwriting.org>

Supporting Young Writers: <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/tips-to-support-writing-at-home>

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