

Writing a Message



You are never too young to write. While your child's scribbles may not look like writing to you, they are the first steps to being a life-long writer. Over the years, these marks will begin to look more and more like letters.

Tools / Materials:

Use a computer, iPad, iPod or other handheld device for sending email. Or use paper, envelopes, postcards to send by regular mail.

Steps to Take:

Let your child see you write from early on and let them write as soon as they can hold that first chubby crayon!



AT HOME

If you have more time

- Use opportunities to have your child send a message.
- Create a text message, email, or note to some other member in the family to communicate information about something that happened, something they need to do, someplace they are going, etc.
- Send a postcard, letter, or email to relatives who live far away. For an email or text message, have your child tell you what to write.
- Listen as your child gives you his/her thoughts and write them down. Then read back to your child what she/he has said.

Words to Know:

Message Postcard List Story Experience



ON THE GO

If you have more time

- Make a grocery list with your child.
- Riding in the car talk about a recent experience. Ask who would you like to tell about it? - A family member or a friend. Talk about what you would tell them.

Possible Observations:

Scribbles in pretend writing; attempts to write some letters; writes letters or words; holds crayons, pencils or markers; shares an experience or story

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