

What to do at home...

WRITING:

- Your goal is to make writing easier and more enjoyable.
- Provide a place where your child can write - a desk or table with a smooth, flat surface and good lighting.
- Provide plenty of paper - lined and unlined - and things to write with, including pencils, pens, and crayons.
- Allow time for thinking. Good writers do a great deal of thinking - be patient.
- Respond to the ideas your child expresses verbally or in writing. Focus on “what” your child has written, not “how” it was written.
- Praise your child’s writing.
- Make it real! Your child needs to do real writing. Write a letter to a relative or a friend.
- Encourage your child to take notes on trips or outings. Have them describe what (s)he saw.
- Brainstorm with your child. Encourage your child to describe people and events to you.
- Encourage your child to keep a journal. This is excellent writing practice. Your child can write about things that happen at home and school, about people, things to remember or things (s)he wants to do.
- Write together. Have your child help you with letters, making lists and other real life writing experiences.
- Encourage neat writing.
- Encourage your child to write about what (s)he knows - a hobby, family, or daily events.
- Collect and display your child’s writing.
- Provide feedback so that your child can revise and edit their writing.
- Encourage your child to add more details, clarify confusing parts and use more descriptive words.
- Encourage your child to fix errors.
- Encourage your child to spell common words correctly (they, the, another, what, etc.)