

Tips for Writing with Your Child

When your child needs help writing a word, you can say:

Say it slowly and write what you hear. (fast, cat, stop)

Do you know a word like it that can help?(like-bike)

That's one of those words we just need to know. (was, light, they)

When your child is organizing his or her thoughts, you can:

Have a conversation and listen for a great idea or phrase.

Help your child pick one part of a story or memory to write about.

Encourage your child to reread to figure out what comes next in the story.

Encourage your child to extend the story with more details.

When your child wants to write at home, you can:

Share the writing with your child.

Make lists.

Write thank you notes.

Write sticky note reminders.

Fill in grocery lists.

Write about family adventures.

Write about family pictures.

Label the pictures your child draws.

Type their story and print it for your child to illustrate.

When your child needs encouragement to write, you can:

Have a basket of writing supplies handy with markers, lined and unlined paper, post-it notes, pencils, crayons, notebooks, envelopes from old mail, magazines, comics, etc.