

Make a Menu

Have your child make a menu for an upcoming meal or a pretend meal.

Add pictures, words, and prices. Then play “restaurant” giving your child the opportunity to write down your order.

Journals & Notebooks

Fun journals and notebooks encourage kids to write. Make it a family tradition to write notes back and forth. Maybe write a note on Sunday with the things you’ll be doing that week and have your child write back.

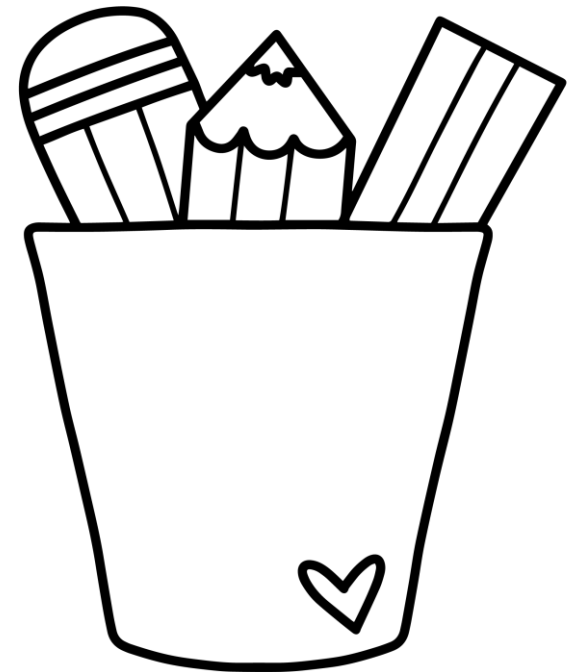
Photos

Print some of the photos you have saved on your phone and have your child write captions for them. Better yet, have your child make a scrapbook.

Make a Book

Make a plan for a book your child can write using an event. For example, your child could write a book about soccer practice. Take photos of him or her getting ready for practice. Then take some pictures while your child is at practice. Print the photos and have your child write a sequence of events about soccer practice.

Supporting Young Writers at Home



Thank You Cards

Write thank you cards for gifts, for a playdate, to a coach or teacher. Whomever gets the card, thank you cards are a way to practice writing and thinking about the audience.

Plan a Party

Have your child plan a party by writing down a guest list, games to play, food, and decorations.



Grocery List

Show your child that writing can be useful in different ways by having them write a grocery list.

Using an advertisement or images from the internet, have your child cut out pictures and glue them to a sheet of paper.

Some kids will “write” a list with pictures only.

Your child might just write the first sound or some sounds in the word.

Perhaps your child does not need a picture and can make a list with words only.

Letter Formation Activities

Help your child practice letters by tracing with a finger, building with clay, or writing with something other than paper.

- Play-Doh
- salt trays
- shaving cream
- sandpaper
- whiteboards

Sticky Notes

Label the house with sticky notes or write notes to family members.