



LEARNING WELL, ENJOYING LIFE, EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Supporting my child at home with writing

- Let your child see the many ways in which you use written language.
- Provide your child with tools for writing: different kinds of paper (some of it colourful), a variety of writing implements, an appropriate dictionary and/or thesaurus.
- Recognise writing as a process. Do not expect every example of your child's writing to be perfect. Praise your child for the things he or she has done well.
- Practise cursive handwriting using a mini whiteboard and whiteboard pen.
- Encourage your child to sit at a table to carry out written tasks. The height of the table should be appropriate for the child. Feet should be flat on the floor. Check that your child is holding their pencil or pen using the tripod grip (standard thumb, index pincer grip resting on supporting middle finger).
- Encourage your child to write letters, thank you notes or letters to friends who live in different countries.
- If you are writing letters to family or friends, encourage your child to contribute a part at the end of the letter.
- Buy a writer's notebook or diary for your child. Encourage your child to bring their book whenever they go on family outings to record some thoughts.
- Create a holiday diary, using entrance tickets, photos and other mementoes. This is especially useful during long summer vacations.

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