



Encouraging young children to write

Here are some activities you can do with your child to promote writing at home:

- Send a message - Frequently leave notes around the house and ask your child to write a note in return. A family chalkboard or message board is a great tool for encouraging your child to write messages.
- Letters – Make letter writing a habit for your child and encourage them to write letters to family and friends.
- A family diary – Keep an ongoing record of your family's life. Every family member can add to your family's story and ensure you include important events that happen during the year. On New Year's Eve, sit down and read through your 'Family Diary', and start a new notebook for the new year.
- Postcards – Encourage your child to write postcards on holiday or on special outings.
- Thank you cards – Encourage your child to write 'thank you' notes for gifts or whenever it is appropriate.
- Make a menu – Encourage your child to write a menu for a family dinner.
- Label - Build Lego and construction models and add labels or captions.
- Scrap book – Take photographs whilst out and about and create a scrapbook with labels and captions.
- Be creative – Encourage your child to write using other materials, such as paint, mud, chalk etc.
- Create shopping lists
- Birthday/ Christmas wish lists
- Invitations