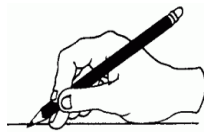




Getting Ready to Write

How you can help your child at home

- Encourage children to hold their pen/pencil with a tripod grip.



- Practise writing their name with lots of different pens, pencils, felt tips or chalk.
- Draw faces, and people with bodies and put on little details like eyebrows, eyelashes, eyes, nose, mouth etc.
- Play with Playdough to strengthen fingers. Encourage children to pull, squeeze, roll, twist it etc.
- Use small construction, like lego or stickle bricks, to make models.
- Box model at home using scissors and tape.
- Cut out pictures (e.g. from magazines) with small scissors and stick the pictures onto paper.
- Threading activities (buttons or beads onto strings, Cheerios onto dried spaghetti).
- Join paperclips together.
- Use an individual hole punch to make pictures, or punch hole and thread with string or wool to hang up a picture.
- Trace pictures and then colour them in.
- Colour in pictures with felt tips or colouring pencils then cut them out and stick onto another piece of paper.
- Draw or write with chalk on a chalkboard.
- Scrunch paper, like tissue paper, and stick them to paper to make a picture.
- Use stencils to make pictures.
- Do jigsaw puzzles or play matching games.
- Sort small change from your purse or pocket.
- Sort socks into pairs and peg washing onto a washing line.
- Play dice and counter games.