

Writing

What is writing?

- "Writing is making marks that have meaning." (Hallissy, 2010)

How can I help my child develop writing?

- let your child see you write often
- have your child help write grocery & shopping lists
- let your child design and write a menu for a family dinner
- encourage your child to write letters/make cards for relatives and friends
- provide a suitable place for your child to write (quiet area, his/her own desk, etc.)
- provide a variety of fun writing materials: pens, pencils, stationary, notebooks, etc.
- resist the urge to criticize or "correct" your child's writing
- have your child make up the words for a wordless picture book

Children's literature that supports writing:

- Daywalt, D. (2013). *The day the crayons quit*. New York: Philomel.
- Hershendorff, E. (2009). *S is for story: A writer's alphabet*. Ann Arbor: Sleeping Bear Press.
- Holub, J. (2013). *Little red writing*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books.
- **Wordless Picture Books:**
 - Becker, A. (2013). *Journey*. Somerville: Candlewick.
 - DePaola, T. (1978). *Pancakes for breakfast*. New York: HMH Books.
 - Rohmann, E. (1997). *Time flies*. New York: Dragonfly.
 - Wiesner, D. (2011). *Tuesday*. New York: HMH Books.

