

FRIDGE NOTES: WAYS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG CHILDREN'S WRITING

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Just as you did when your child was learning to walk and talk, it is important for you to provide warmth, acceptance, confidence and belief in your child as a written language user. As you create a safe environment, free from criticism and over-correction, your child will feel confident to take risks and experiment with early writing forms.

REMEMBER:

- Marks on the paper are the early forms of writing. Ask your child to tell you what they say.
- Pictures and scribbles are also forms of writing. Encourage your child to tell you what he/she is thinking. Write their responses at the bottom of the page.
- Encourage your child to write about their pictures by saying "Write what you want to say about your picture."
- When your child is uncertain about how to write, say "Write it the way you think it should be."

