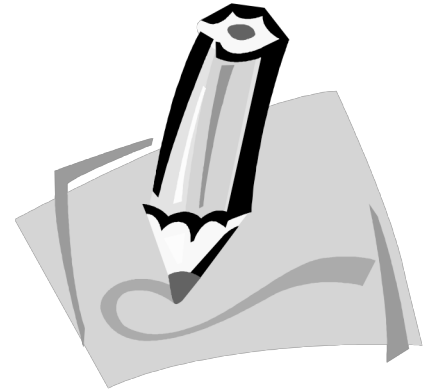




Encourage Your Child to Become a Writer



Look for ways to help your child learn to use these strokes as he or she plays. Remember to go from top to bottom and left to right. Practicing these strokes in a playful way will help your child learn to write.



Fun ways to practice this at home might be to use:

- shaving cream
- chocolate pudding as finger paint
- sidewalk chalk
- bucket of water and paintbrush to “paint” the side of the house with water
- finger paint
- crayons and markers

Other activities to help your child develop muscles necessary for writing are:

- playing with play dough
- squeezing sponges in the bathtub
- using eye or medicine droppers in the bathtub
- picking up things with tongs
- using clothespins
- working with tools such as hole punchers, tape dispensers, and scissors
- stringing beads on a shoestring or pipe cleaner