



Learn to Write

Break out Crayons and get Drawing!

Beginner: Encourage your child to draw independently and creatively.

[Tip]: Celebrate colour choices, scribbles that resemble shapes and use of proper pencil grip.

Intermediate: Begin working on letter writing.

[Tip]: Work towards having your child write their own name and encourage proper pencil grip.

Experienced: Have your child practice printing letters and words more neatly.

[Tip]: Introduce lined paper and have your child work towards writing neatly along the line.

Why is this important? Early letter printing skills and recognition help prepare your child for spelling and reading.

Parent Manuel: To hold a pencil properly start by laying the pencil in front of them with the tip facing towards them. Have them “pinch” the pencil between their thumb and pointer finger. Use the other hand to grab the eraser end of the pencil and flip it over towards their hand. The pencil should then be resting on the third finger

References:

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