



## World of Writing

Letters, Numbers, and Words, Oh My!

**Beginner:** Help your child print the first letters of the names of their loved ones and numbers using chalk, a stick, or a wet paintbrush. Notice the hand they naturally choose for writing.

**[Tip]:** Congratulate your child on their efforts and have fun!

**Intermediate:** Write kind words or names on Valentines. Also try different writing utensils like chalk, paint, stickers, or have fun writing on a baking sheet covered with flour or shaving cream.

**[Tip]:** Encourage your child to hold their pencils, chalk, and markers correctly.

**Experienced:** Encourage your child to write in full sentences in a valentine or letter.

**[Tip]:** Ask “who are you going to write letters to?” Explore different things they can write about or feelings they can share.

**Why is this important?** Practicing structured activities based around literacy concepts will help with your child’s development with reading and writing.

**Looking for more information?** Check out our [Letter Formation](#) resource to use alongside your Valentine creations!

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