

Kindergarten Home Writing Ideas and Resources

Activities for Writing at Home

- Make a menu
- Write lists: wish list, grocery list, Christmas list, etcetera
- Make a topic book: Seasons, shapes, colors, etcetera
- Draw/cut out pictures and label them
- Make a map
- Opinion Writing- Write about a topic and express their feelings about it
- School events
- Real life events
- Fictional event or activity
- In a Journal
- Write a letter
- Write a picture story
- Thank you notes
- Make a card
- Type on the computer any of the above
- Draw pictures and dictate the story for an older person to write

Helping Your Reluctant Writer at Home

- Choose subjects your child loves, like dinosaurs, animals, soccer or dancing.
- Talk through ideas, ask questions, and listen carefully to answers.
- Make drawings, notes, and story maps together to plan for writing.
- Take dictation, or have your child use a computer.
- Praise honestly and liberally.
- Post written work on the wall or refrigerator, or send it to family members and friends. Writing is meant to be shared.
- Stop when it isn't fun for your child or for you.
- Play a game. You don't have to mention it is a writing game if your child is a reluctant writer.

Resource for writing games: <http://www.greatschools.org/special-education/LD-ADHD/806-seven-ways-to-encourage-kids-writing.gs>

On-line/Multi-Media Resources for Kindergarten Literacy

- www.starfall.com
- Leap Frog Letter Factory DVD
- www.pbskids.org
- www.abcmouse.com
- Imagine Learning

There's an App for That (Handwriting Applications)

- Letter Lab
- Little Writer PRO
- Sentence Maker
- Letter School
- iWriteWords
- Writing Wizard
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Letter Quiz
- Start DOT
- ABC Ninja

50 Ways to Make Practice Fun

Practice name, letter, words, and number writing by using manipulatives:

1. Craft Sticks
2. Play dough (try making your own!)
3. Small stones, gems and/or rocks
4. Stickers
5. Cheerios
6. M&M's
7. Pipe Cleaners
8. Wikki Stix
9. Bottle caps
10. Cooked spaghetti
11. Yarn/string
12. Beans
13. Cotton balls
14. Small strips of paper
15. Twigs or sticks
16. Small erasers
17. Unifix/Snap Cubes or Wood Counters
18. Flower petals and/or small leaves
19. Q-tips and/or toothpicks
20. Shaving cream
21. Salt or sugar tray
22. Flour tray
23. Rice tray
24. Ziploc baggie filled with Paint
25. Ziploc baggie filled with hair gel
26. Finger paint
27. Pudding
28. Icing
29. Sand or dirt
30. The sidewalk (use chalk, chalk paint or a paintbrush & plain water)
31. A mirror (use dry erase markers)
32. A Magna Doodle
33. A Dry Erase Board
34. The windows (use window crayons or markers)
35. The bathroom tile (use dry erase markers)
36. A Chalk Board
37. The air
38. Your back (with their finger)
39. The dirt with a stick
40. Sheet Protectors with Dry Erase and/or Wet Erase markers
41. A Geoboard with rubber bands
42. Crayons (you could even try making your own recycled crayons to use!)
43. Chalk
44. Washable window crayons or markers
Markers (colored, Dry Erase and/or Wet Erase)
45. Colored pencils
46. Glue bottles (add food coloring or watercolors to your glue for extra fun or just cover it in glitter for added sparkle)
47. Fingers (i.e. finger-painting, using fingerprints and an ink pad, finger-writing in the air or on your back)
48. Q-tips (dip in paint or water)
49. Small sponges (dip in paint or water)
50. Paintbrushes (use with paint or water)

Kindergarten Writing Steps

Follow the rules of good writing:

1. Think of your idea.



2. Draw a picture.



3. Think of your sentence.



4. Say your sentence and count the words.
Draw the number of lines that matches your sentence.



5. Sound out and write your sentence.

6. Color and add detail to your picture.

