

Writing activities:

Offer a secret mission. - Ask you kids to write down everything they spy another family member doing for one day.

Keep a journal of your time at home - Record all the different activities throughout your day. Using sentence openers such as (first, next, now, last, after that, then, soon, in the end).

Bring it out for science experiments. - Invite your little scientist to record each step of the experiment as they write instructions.

Suggest a toy story. - Bring out a favourite toy, place it in the middle of the table and ask your child to write a story about it.

Doodle day. - Write a few words or names on the top of a page. See how many different ways your child can rewrite the word. (Block, fancy, all capitals, backwards, etc.)

List it. - Have your child make a list of all the different items they can see beginning with a letter of the alphabet.

Bring it out for pretend play. - Make a map of a hidden pirate treasure. Write a journey tale and then act out your story as you search for the treasure.

Word Art. Have your child draw a picture and then fill the page with words and sentences that describe or relate to the picture. (See if they can use different adjectives.)

Make it a happiness journal. - Have your child write things that made them happy throughout the day.

Just hand it over. - Sometimes all a child needs is a blank page and a pencil to get writing.

Poetry hunt - Go on a scavenger hunt around your home and garden and look for words that rhyme. (you might need to provide an example).

Then see if you can put these words into a poem (remember our rhyming words are at the end of our written line).

Story Chain - Work together with your child to write a story. Alternate writing a sentence or two where you and your child will have to pick up from where they have left off.

Acrostic association - Write a words down the side of a page and write down words or sentences that can be associated with the word. E.G:

C - cuddly.

A - always sleeping on the sofa.

T - two friends in my home.

S - soft fur.