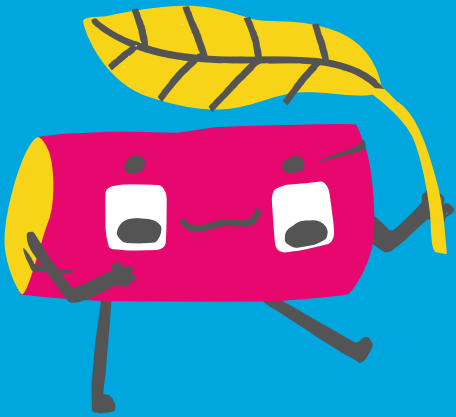


MY IDEAS NOTEBOOK



For young learners, writing (expressing ideas and thoughts) often occurs in the form of drawing. Drawing allows the student to tell stories, capture information, and convey ideas even before they can write a letter or spell a word. Encourage your student to capture their ideas and thoughts in their notebook.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT'S WRITING

- Talk with your student about what they want to write before they write it down.
- Encourage them to draw, adding details to make their message clear.
- Support their efforts to use letters and words to convey their ideas. The concept that letters and words convey meaning is important, but spelling is not the focus. Offer any and all support they might need to feel successful.
- If they'd like, write down their ideas as they dictate to you.

WRITING ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Retell a favorite story or part of a story.
- Tell about a happy time or special day/memory.
- Describe a favorite toy, game, movie, video game or place.
- Make a list of the things you do (the student) to be a good friend.
- Draw a favorite item/animal and label its parts.
- Keep a weather log for a week (sunny / cloudy /rainy / hot / warm / cool / cold, etc.)
- Record "A Day in the Life." The student notices and draws/writes about what they did in the morning, the middle of the day, and at night on a chosen day.

