



# WRITING TIPS FOR FAMILIES



## CREATE A WRITING SPACE AT HOME

Find an accessible place to store writing materials at home that your child can access for writing. This could include a journal and pencils or a stack of paper and fun drawing tools. Make sure the area has good lighting. Use a pencil box or rolling cart to organize materials.

## WRITE AS A FAMILY

Show your child the various real life purposes that writing can be used for. This could include writing about an event or your day as a family. Each person in the family can write a sentence or paragraph to add onto a main topic. Other examples of writing could include a grocery list, a to-do list, a letter to a family member or a schedule of the day. Use “Story Cubes” to generate a story. Use magazines for an idea of a topic to write about

## CELEBRATE WRITING

Help your child finish writing projects so they feel a sense of completion. Add writing projects to a place in the house where it can be showcased for all! Ask your child about their writing projects at school, and when they bring home their projects, take time to celebrate their published work.

## RESOURCES

Attend your schools literacy night at their school!

Check out smarter balanced (SBA) writing prompts for your child to complete at home- [smarterbalanced.org](https://www.smarterbalanced.org)



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