

Foundations for Writing

Age 3	Age 4	Age 5
<p>Use pretend writing that copies real-life situations (make marks to take a restaurant food order, for example).</p> <p>Show they know that written words are made up of letters (point out the first letter of their name from a sign or list of letters).</p> <p>Play with writing letters and make letter-like forms.</p>	<p>Use known letters and letter-like forms to write their name and some words.</p> <p>Try to connect spoken words with the letters in the written words (write M for mommy).</p> <p>Imitate adult writing that they see</p>	<p>Learn to print lower and upper case letters.</p> <p>With help, use drawings, letters, or dictate words in order to “write” a story or description.</p> <p>With help, plan, edit, and strengthen writing in such ways as adding details and arranging events in their order.</p>

Developmental Stages of Writing

 <p>1. Scribble Stage (Starting point, any place on the page)</p>	 <p>2. Scribble (Left to right progression)</p>	 <p>3. Mock Letters (Can be personal or conventional)</p>	 <p>7. Copies Environmental Print</p>	 <p>8. Uses first letter of a word to represent the word</p>	 <p>9. Uses beginning letter and ending letter to represent the word</p>
 <p>4. Letter String (Left to right and progressively downward)</p>	 <p>5. Groups of letters with space in between to resemble words</p>	 <p>6. Picture Labeling (Matching beginning letter to word)</p>	 <p>10. Hears Medial Sounds (Writes word with beginning, medial and ending letters)</p>	 <p>11. Phrase Writing</p>	 <p>12. Whole Sentence Writing</p>