

Family Activities

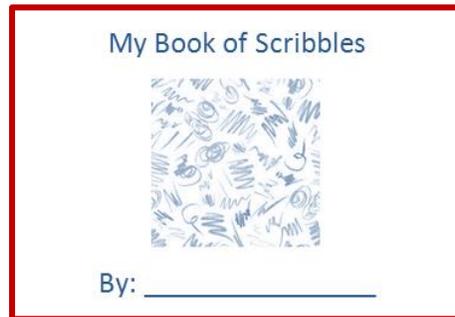


Readiness Skill: Uses scribbling and drawings to express ideas

Scribbling and drawing are the first stages in the process of learning to write. They may look like gibberish to an adult, but these marks, lines, and squiggles have meaning for the child. They are a way for him or her to express their thoughts and ideas on paper which will later lead to more formal writing.

My Book of Scribbles

Markings such as lines, curves, and zigzags are precursors to the formation of more complex letter-like shapes and symbols. Using the book template included with this print activity, provide your child with writing materials such as paints, crayons, and markers to make their very own “scribble” book.



Writing around the Home



Provide your child with many opportunities to experiment with writing at home by placing writing materials such as pencils, markers, crayons, and paper where they are easily accessible to your child. Your child will enjoy expressing their ideas on paper. Be sure to invite your child to tell you about his or her “writing” by asking such questions as **“Tell me about your writing/drawing.”**

Shaving Cream Writing

Place a dab of shaving cream on a flat surface such as a table. Your child can practice writing various lines, symbols, and shapes using their fingers in the cream that has been smeared on the table. Encourage your child to tell you about their writing as they work. Be sure to be aware of your child's sensitivity to shaving cream before beginning and supervise them at all times.



Alphabet Books

A great way to instill a love of drawing in your child is through books about drawing and art. Most of these books are available at your local public library.



Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

Beautiful Oops! By Barney Saltzberg

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

Ish by Peter H. Reynolds