TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD DRAW & WRITE MORE AT HOME

TRY SETTING A TIMER

Step 1: Set the timer for an easily achievable amount of time (try 10 minutes to start)

Step 2: Each day, add one or two more minutes

Step 3: Try creating a chart to keep track of how many minutes your child writes

TRY OUT DIFFERENT WRITING UTENSILS

Try setting aside some "special" writing utensils to surprise your child when they need a boost in their drawing or writing. Sometimes something as simple as a new pen or a fresh box of thin markers makes a huge difference.



Ball Point Pens Plain Pencils Gel Pens Flair Pens

Colored Pencils Thin Markers Mechanical Pencils

DATE STAMPS

Even if your child draws just a little bit, or writes just a word or two, put a date on what they drew or wrote that day.

Over time, your child will be able to see how much they've written each day

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Use the dates to help your child set an attainable goal for how much they can write. ("Last Friday you wrote 2 whole pages. That seems like a good goal for you to do again today.").

OOPS TAPE!



Erasing can be time-consuming and frustrating. A nice, neat line through the mistake takes less time, and reinforces that mistakes are okay!

But sometimes, crossing out can make it hard for your child to read their own writing.

Another option is to use mailing labels or post-its to cover up mistakes. I like to use removable mailing labels so that they can be moved around the page easily.