

WRITE – 19 to 36 Months

Activities You Can Do With Your Young Child Today

- ◆ Do a “nature walk scavenger hunt.” Make a list of things you might see outside: stop sign, leaves, trees, cars, dogs, etc. On your walk, have your child look for the things on the list and when you find them, have her mark them off the list with a marker or crayon. You can also do this with the grocery list when you’re at the store!
- ◆ Put stickers in a random pattern on a sheet of paper and have your child try to make a line between the stickers. It’s like a homemade dot-to-dot!
- ◆ Give your child paper and markers or crayons and let him draw a picture. Ask him to tell you what he’s drawn and write his description on the back. He’s learning the connection between the words we say and the words we write.
- ◆ Pour some uncooked rice into a shallow bowl or cookie sheet. Let your child use their finger to draw shapes.
- ◆ Activities that will help grow finger strength (which helps with writing): playing with playdough, stacking blocks, ripping paper, picking up something small (like a cotton ball) and dropping it into something small (like a paper towel tube).
- ◆ Make a “writing box” that is always available to your child so that they can write or draw whenever they’re in the mood! Fill a shoebox with different writing materials and paper. You can even take it in the car.

