



Equipping a Writing Area

When you offer children writing tools, children can explore the world of print. An area for writing can include a small table and chairs and an easy-to-reach place for storing writing materials. This area gives children opportunities to use writing for a purpose.

Writing Tools	Printing Tools	Paper	Other Tools and Materials
<p>Pencils: black lead and colored, “chubby” and regular</p> <p>Magic markers: thick and thin, water-based, variety of colors</p> <p>Chalk and chalkboards</p> <p>Magic slates or magnetic drawing boards</p> <p>Crayons</p> <p>Lap pads</p> <p>Clipboards</p> <p>* Weighted pens, pencils</p> <p>* Pencil grasps</p> <p>* Slant board</p>	<p>Letter and design stencils</p> <p>Alphabet letter stamps</p> <p>Ink pad</p> <p>* Felt letters</p> <p>* Sandpaper letters</p>	<p>Magazines</p> <p>Index cards</p> <p>Envelopes and stationery</p> <p>Unlined and lined paper</p> <p>Construction paper</p> <p>Small blank books</p> <p>* Textured paper</p> <p>* Paper with raised lines</p>	<p>Hole punch</p> <p>Shape punch</p> <p>Stapler</p> <p>Old wallpaper samples to use as book covers</p> <p>Scissors (e.g., left handed, “modeling”)</p> <p>Paper clips</p> <p>Pencil sharpener</p> <p>Tablet or computer</p> <p>Small alphabet strips</p> <p>Glue sticks</p> <p>* Sand boards</p> <p>* Plastic bendies</p> <p>* Writing “hats”</p> <p>* “Author” stickers</p>



* These materials may be especially helpful for children who are not as responsive to other materials or may need more individualized support.