

Writing Concepts / Writing

Birth to 18 months

Writing Goal 72: Children demonstrate alphabet knowledge
Goal 73: Children use writing skills and demonstrates knowledge of writing conventions
Goal 74: Children use writing for a variety of purposes

Educator/Adult	Children
Asks children to point out words and pictures in a book in order to prompt children to think about the differences between words and pictures	Points to words in a book
	Imitates other person's writing, drawing, or scribbling by making own marks or scribbles
Demonstrates making marks on a page in front of children	Scribbles spontaneously

18 months to 36 months

Oral & Written Communication Goal 64: Children communicate effectively
Writing Goal 72: Children demonstrate alphabet knowledge
Goal 74: Children use writing for a variety of purposes

Educator/Adult	Children
Asks children about attempts to produce written, age-appropriate material (e.g., scribbles)	Demonstrates an understanding that we hear and see words by pointing randomly to text while it is being read out loud (e.g., a spoken word is also represented in print)
Uses hand to point out words as reading them	Scribbles and makes marks on paper purposefully
Provides writing explorations related to fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and postural control	Draws horizontal and vertical lines

36 months to 60 months

Oral & Written Communication Goal 64: Children communicate effectively
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Goal 74: Children use writing for a variety of purposes

Educator/Adult	Children
Incorporates drawing into story time activities	Begins to draw representational figures
Prompts children to find the same letter in different media (e.g., book, poster, sign)	Identifies letters to match the said-aloud letter name
Provides activities that encourage drawing basic geometric shapes	Draws basic geometric shapes (e.g., circle, triangle)
Provides activities that encourage pretend writing	Uses pretend writing activities during play to show print conventions in primary language
Invites children to make up and tell stories and write them out	Talks aloud about creative ideas and stories and asks adults to write them out
Invites children to work together to make up a poem and writes it out	Asks adult to write out rhymes to make a simple poem