Drawing and Writing at Home



**Drawing**

* Ask the child to think about a story they would like to tell - “What will you draw (or write) about today?”
* Give the child plenty of time to draw a picture.
* You can watch and listen, or help the child plan how to draw and add details to their drawing.

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**Labeling with Words**

* Ask the child, “Tell me about your picture.”
* When the child points and says, “This is a \_\_\_\_ (house),” you can label the child’s picture by writing the word ‘house’ next to the drawing.
* Some children may want to label some of the pictures themselves, using adult help for sounding out and spelling.



**Writing - Dictation**

* Ask, “Tell me your story.”
* Use your best print handwriting.
* Writes down what the child says about the picture.
* You can ask the child to say more, or prompt the children for more details by asking questions about the story.

**Reading and Revising**

* While pointing at each word, read what you have written back to the child and ask - “Do you want to add anything else”?
* If the child says, “Yes,” add what the child has to say.

**Finishing**

* Write the date on the page.
* Collect these stories in a safe place.