Mighty Pen

Symbols have meaning and writing with your child helps make that connection. Help your child write (or write what your child says) a note to a special grown-up and tell them what you’re doing today. #grow2gether

Children learn a lot about letters and letter sounds when they are given opportunities to write. Describe how your hand moves as you form letters and talk about each letter as you form words. This will strengthen the neural connections in your child’s brain and support future growth.

Write a note to someone special in your child’s life. Children can tell them about their day or even just that they enjoy time with them. You can write what your child says or help your child write by providing words. Some children may draw, and that’s okay, too. Ask your child to tell you about what they have drawn and ask if you can write down what they say.

Infants and toddlers benefit from seeing grown-ups write, even if they are not yet ready to hold a pencil. Talk to your baby while you write to support language development.

Learning on the Go!

- Consider keeping some tools for writing in your car so children can write while you drive or while waiting.
- Take your child to the post office to mail their note. A visit to the post office can show your child how important words can be and how they can be shared.

Share with us! We would love to see how you did this activity. Use the hashtags #grow2gether so we can find it!