



STUDYING CHILDREN'S EMERGENT WRITING

This Learning Activity is designed to help you understand your child's current writing stage. Select a sample or two of your child's writing and review the drawing and writing. This will help you to understand the next steps for your child. You may want to share the writing sample and your thoughts with your child's teacher or home visitor, especially if you need help understanding the stage.

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

Description of Observed Emergent Writing Activity or Child Work Sample. Please note whether the activity was parent-supported or independent writing (attach the writing sample, if available).

At what stage of writing is the child? (note: they may display skills at more than one level, circle all that apply)

EARLY STAGES	MIDDLE STAGES	LATER STAGES
Pre-Drawing	Letter-like forms/mock letters	Invented spelling
Drawing	Letter strings	Beginning word and phrase writing
Scribbling	Transitional writing	Conventional spelling and sentence writing
Wavy scribbles/mock handwriting		

What activities can you do to encourage your child's current level of writing?

What activities can you do to encourage your child to get to the next level of writing?

