

# **THE SEVEN C'S OF WRITING!**

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*The first teachers are the parents, both by example and by conversation.*

*The good news is that every child in every family has the power to succeed in school, and in life. Every parent, grandparent, and caregiver can help towards that confidence and success of your child!*



# *Conversation*

- *Children who enjoy storytelling, reading and conversation will enjoy writing.*
- *Writing is just speaking in a different way.*
- *Parents can get ideas for writing topics by talking to their children about things they know well and are excited to share .*
- *Have the children draw a picture and then write about it.*
- *When our children enter and continue school with good habits of communication, they are in a position to succeed.*



# *Connections*

*Get your child involved in the writing of:*

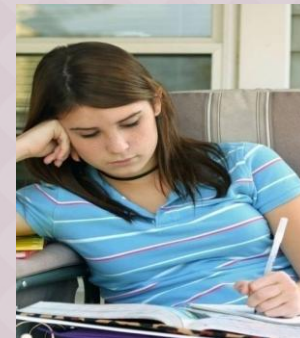
- *Shopping Lists*
- *Letters to family members*
- *Thank you notes*
- *Get Well notes*
- *Birthday cards*
- *Holiday cards*
- *Write family stories*



# *Comfort/Collection*

*This needs to be a special place where your child has access to the 'tools' of writing:*

- Plastic containers with drawers to keep the writing materials organized.*
- Supply washable paints, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, envelopes, old magazines, posit-it notes, stickers and colorful paper.*
- Also include fabric, ribbon, wallpaper samples and wrapping paper.*



# *Collaboration*

*This is a special opportunity for you to be with your child:*


- Write down stories that your child dictates to you.*
- Discuss happenings at school or from a field trip.*
- Talking and listening are a very important part of the writing process. Ask questions and listen for answers.*
- Always praise your child's attempts at writing.*
- Don't worry too much about your child's spelling; children will gradually learn the spelling rules and patterns.*



# *Celebration*

- *Be sure to monitor the creative process.*
- *If possible, sit and write and model the process.*
- *All children have the wonderful resources for learning...imagination and creativity.*
- *Encouragement, motivation and guidance may be necessary for success.*
- *Dr. Anthony P Withham's; Children spell love...TIME!*





Get your child to write!  
They must have a desire to  
write.

Your job is not to teach  
writing but to

**Conspire** and  
inspire your child to be a life  
long writer!