And Raise Writers...

- Be sure your child has different types of writing implements such as pencils, crayons, markers and lots of paper to use them on.
- Encourage your child to tell you stories. Write them down and have your child illustrate them.
- Create labels so your child can match them to objects throughout your home.
- Before you go to the grocery store write a shopping list together. Have your child cross items off the list after you select them.
- Create scrapbooks about your family, special occasions, and trips.
- Keep a journal with your child and have him/her summarize what happens each day while you write it down.
- When you are writing notes or emailing, ask your child what he/ she would like you to tell a relative or friend.
- Write a list as your child dictates to you. It could be a wish list, a to do list, etc
- Encourage print recognition in everyday situations such as street signs and local businesses.
- After a trip to a park, zoo, or other special place have your child dictate what you did, what you saw as you write it down. Have your child add pictures to complete the story.

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