## Help me get ready to write



Here's what I need to get ready to BE A WRITER:

- 1. The chance to watch you write shopping lists, notes, and other stuff.
- 2. Lots of chances to write with you. I like to scribble, draw, and pretend-write with markers, crayons, sticks in the dirt.... and especially pencils and pens like grown-ups!
- 3. Encouragement to draw pictures with more and more details.
- 4. The chance to watch you write down stories I tell you, or the cute things I say, or about my feelings when I'm sad or happy.
- 5. Help learning to write the letters of my name. At First I'll write them really big and all over the paper. Don't worry, I'll learn to write smaller and in a straight line by the time I'm 5 or 6 years old.

For more information about learning to read and write, call your local youth librarian or my friend Joan Laurion at Dane County UW Extension, 608-224-3722. UW Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA. Let us know if you need this material in an alternate format

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