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1. [Click here to watch today's circle time video](#)
2. Choose an activity to do with your child
 - Spring word and 5 senses activity. (see the attached pdf.)
 - [Let's make a rainbow word "SPRING" instruction by Setsuko](#)
 - [Letter hunt "SPRING" instruction by Setsuko](#)
 - [Let's move your body with Arleide](#)
3. [Click here to watch goodbye circle video](#)

Kindergarten readiness : Writing Skills

It's important to help your child gain kindergarten readiness skills! Writing goes hand-in-hand with reading and both skill help children make the connection between spoken language and information communication. Did you know that "pre-writing" is an important step on the way to learning to write? Practicing fine motor skill development through pre-writing activities helps children build up their hand strength and improve eye-hand coordination, both necessary for actual writing. When your child makes marks or "scribbles" with crayons or markers on paper, they are pre-writing. Offering plenty of drawing and writing opportunities will help your emerging writer succeed! Here are five additional pre-writing ideas.



- Playdough sculpting: Playing with playdough is great for building hand strength. Practice making balls, rolling playdough into snakes and forming letters.
- Q-tip painting: Practice the pincer grip by painting with a Q-tip. Children love this pre-writing and art activity.
- Scrunching paper: Scrunching paper into a ball is great for strengthening hands. Use newspaper, tissue paper, wrapping paper, or regular paper. Who doesn't love throwing paper balls?
- Lacing: Buy lacing cards or make your own from foam sheets or card stock. Great practice for developing fine motor skills.
- Writing in salt, rice, shaving cream, or flour: This is so much fun! Just pour or squirt the substance onto a tray. Then let your child write with their finger to make letters or designs. After using fingers to write, have them use a writing tool like a pencil or crayon.



While it's important to do fine motor activities, also give your child opportunities to practice using actual writing tools. Let them use markers, crayons, colored pencils, dry erase markers, etc. Another tip is to break crayons in half – they're easier for little fingers to write with. (Excerpt from [Kindergarten readiness: Writing Skills Activities](#))

