Writing and Drawing

Writing and reading go together. A young child making crayon marks on paper is practicing a skill that will lead to forming written letters and words. Because language is both written and read, early fun with writing and drawing helps children learn an important pre-reading skill.

Ideas & Tips

- Provide babies and toddlers with crayons, pencils and paper. Sit with them for short periods while you draw and “write” together.
- Using a pencil, crayon or your finger, outline your child’s hands on paper. Next, try a foot or two!
- Help your child to trace letters, outlines and shapes with their fingers.
- The Library’s children’s area has child-friendly signs and LOTS of alphabet books. Trace letters together while saying their names.
- Visit the Tacoma Art Museum and its TAM Studio—a space stocked with art supplies and inspiration for all ages. tacomaartmuseum.org/visit/tam-studio.
  Tip: check out an Art Access Pass at Pierce County Library and use it for up to four free admissions to TAM!

More Books

- Follow Me by Fiona Byrne
- Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
- I See and See by Ted Lewin
- Touch and Trace Farm by Jonathan Litton

Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden
(Trace a circle in baby’s palm.)
Like a teddy bear.
One step, two step,
(Using index and middle fingers like legs, make two “leaps” up baby’s arm.)
Tickle you under there!
(Tickle under baby’s chin.)

Rhyming Fun

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