

Developmental Stages of Writing



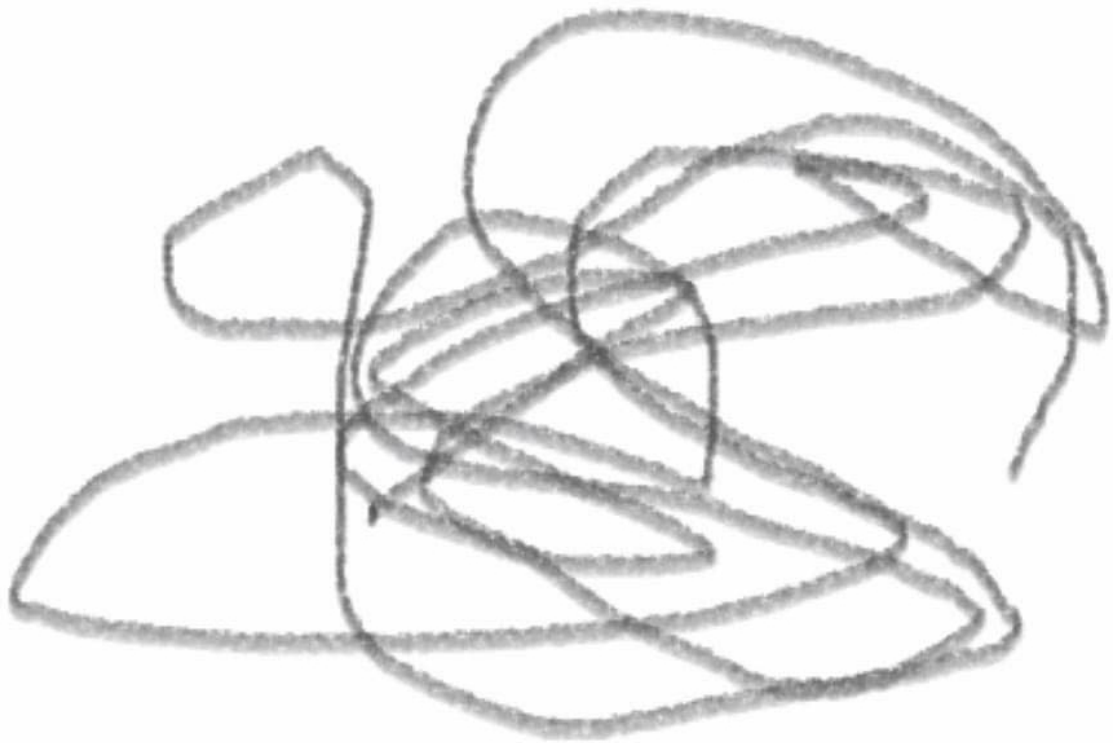
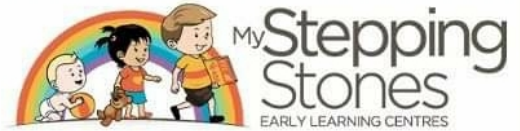
Early Childhood

I L E
M U M

Children move through quite a few phases of writing during the course of their Early Years (Age 0-6 years). Learning to write has a lot involved, as the process is both physically challenging (Using the correct grip, fine motor development and strength to make marks) and mentally (such as conveying an idea and making marks on a page that you are thinking of in your mind), as adults we can forget this tricky process and take our writing skills for granted.

Here you will find some of the early stages of writing skills;

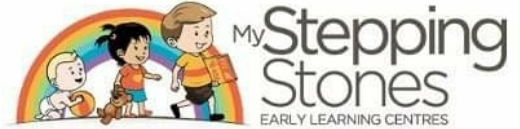
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Drawing

Drawings that
represent
writing

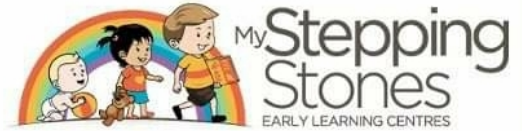
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Scribbles

Marks that
aim to be
writing

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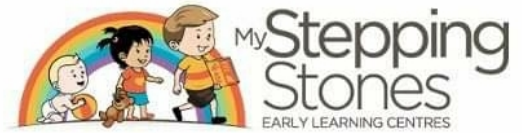


Mock

Child pretends
to write words
in cursive, left
to right

Handwriting

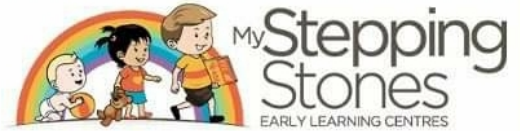
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Mock
letters

Marks made
look a lot like
letter shapes

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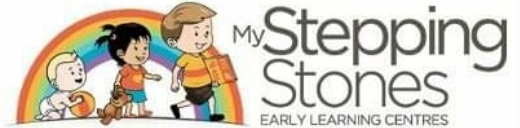


M P H I K O

Letter
Strings

Strings of letters
written down left to
right however do
not generate words

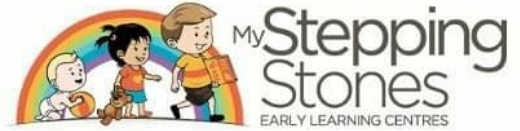
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Transitional

You will notice spaces amongst letters to look a lot like words. Child may copy words from their environment. Letters may be written the wrong way around.

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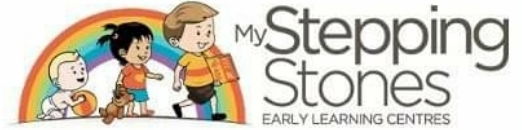


I L E
M U M

Invented
Spelling

The first and
last letter/sound
signify the whole
word

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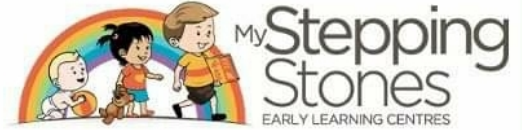


do o
H a t

Beginning word and phrase writing

Children's words have a start, middle and end letter sound; short phrases are visible

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Justine

Standard
spelling

Child will use the correct spelling of words such as their name, Mum and Dad.