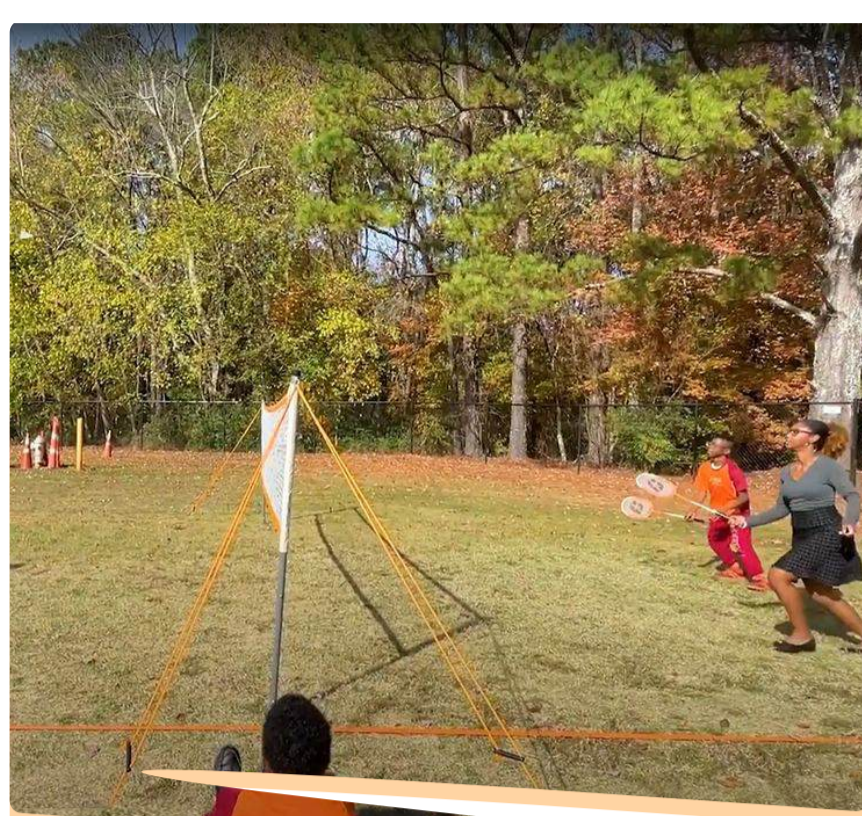


# Steps to Writing-Ready Preschoolers

## 1. Strengthen Fine Motor Skills for Writing Readiness

Before your child can learn to write letters, they must develop strong fine motor control. You can help to strengthen hand and finger muscles through games that involve grasping, pinching, and manipulating objects to make it easier for them to hold pencils, crayons, and markers.



## 2. Encourage Early Letter Recognition Through Play

Understanding letter shapes and sounds provides a strong literacy foundation and makes writing more meaningful. When you make letter recognition a tactile and visual experience, your child becomes more engaged and is better prepared to transition into letter writing.

## 3. Develop Pre-Writing Skills Through Tracing and Drawing

Tracing lines, shapes, and letters will help your preschooler develop muscle memory for letter formation. These activities also improve hand stability, coordination, and spatial awareness. Let your child practice tracing letters in a shallow tray filled with salt or sand using their fingers.

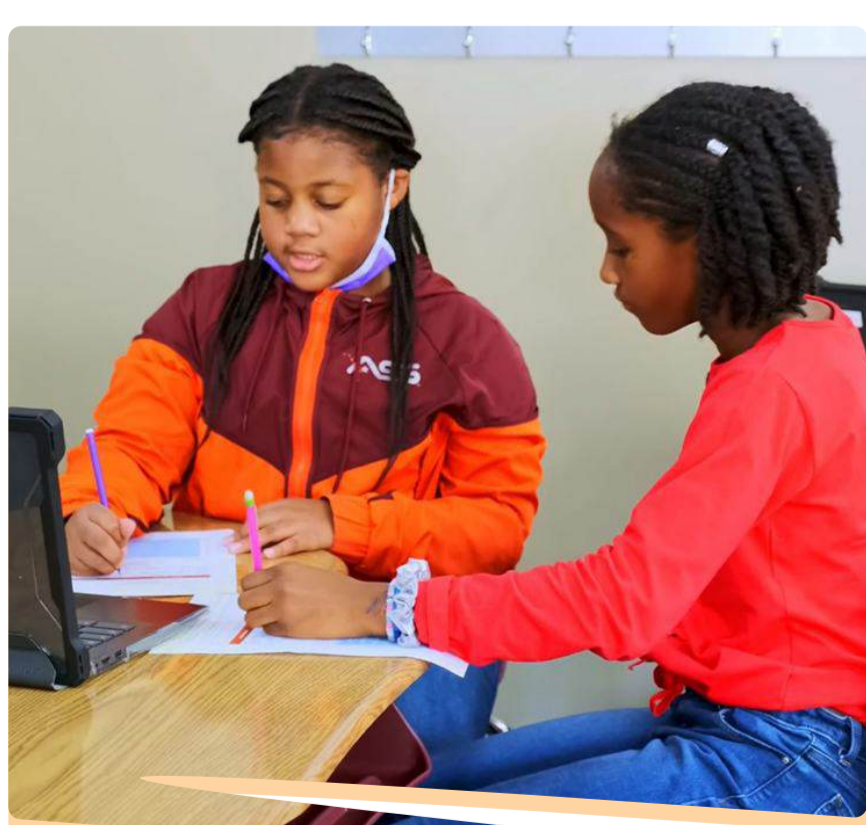


## 4. Introduce Phonemic Awareness for Stronger Literacy Skills

Phonemic awareness—the ability to identify sounds in words and move the sounds around—is a crucial skill for reading and writing. Helping preschoolers recognize letter sounds and syllables strengthens their literacy foundation.

## 5. Use Storytelling to Build Vocabulary and Imagination

Storytelling helps children develop verbal communication, creativity, and comprehension—all essential for writing development. Children who tell stories learn how to sequence events, structure sentences, and expand their vocabulary. This can eventually translate into writing effective notes, essays, stories, and more.



## 6. Combine Reading and Writing for a Complete Literacy Experience

Reading and writing are interconnected. When your child reads frequently, they become more familiar with sentence structure, vocabulary, and storytelling techniques, naturally improving their writing skills. Have your child copy simple words or phrases from their favorite books.