

Eight Kinds of Words Kids Need to Start Writing

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Children can start writing with amazingly little understanding of the writing process, grammar rules, and conventions, if they have a cache of words to help them express themselves. They are eager, from the first day of school on, to learn to write and read what they have written to others. Capitalize on that eagerness. You can teach the structure of writing as time goes by, after they've had a joyous time getting their thoughts down on paper. Even as children are learning the basics of the alphabet, they can experiment with words. The eight kinds of words kids need to do this are:

1. The Names of the Students in Your Classroom

2. Pronouns

I	she
me	her
my	hers
mine	we
you	our
your	ours
yours	they
he	them
him	theirs
his	it

3. Nouns on a Common Theme

beach
water
sand
waves
fish
shells
sand castle

4. Verbs on a Common Theme

to swim
to play
to dig
to run
to like
to go
to look

5. Conjunctions

and
or
but
if
so

6. Articles

a
an
the

7. Prepositions

to	over
in	from
there	here
out	under

8. Descriptive Words

big	very	high	rough
little	fun	quiet	strong
bright	fast	really	furry