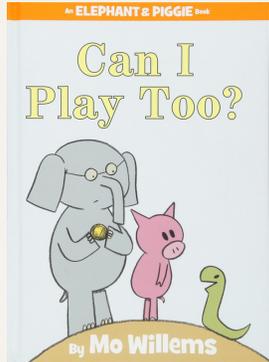


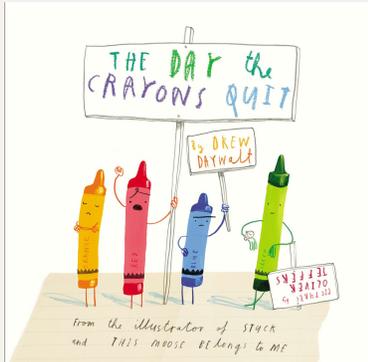
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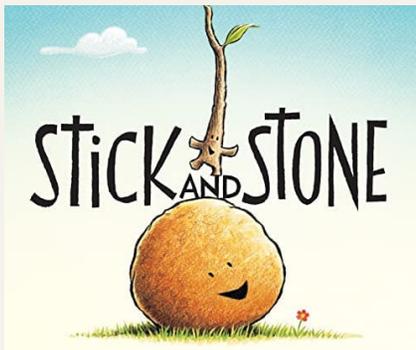
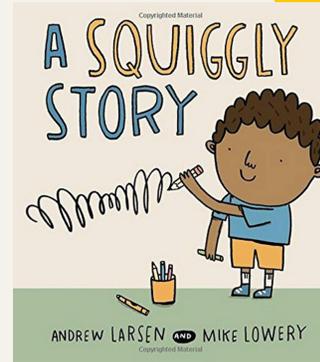
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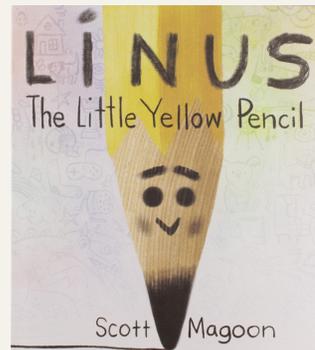
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Friendship & Writing

Hands On!

Developing both hand strength and fine motor skills takes lots of practice and will be important when learning to write. Here are some ideas:

- Play Dough – Squeezing, kneading, rolling, and shaping the dough will challenge little fingers.
- Scissors – Use a pair of children’s safety scissors to practice cutting shapes with supervision.
- Beads – Threading beads or dry pasta onto a string can help develop pinching skills in both hands.
- Climbing – Head to the playground and swing around! Grasping bars, ropes, ladders, and tree branches will give those hand muscles a workout.
- Squeeze It – Experiment with items your child has to squeeze to use: a hole puncher, a spray bottle, a turkey baster.



Secret Handshakes

Teach your preschooler about secret handshakes and come up with ones for you to do together or with their new friends! This is good for their motor and memorization skills, too.

Getting Ready to Write

Before your child is ready to write, they’ll need to be comfortable holding a writing utensil and making lines and shapes. Here are some tips:

- Let them scribble!
- Practice writing and drawing with lots of different items: crayons, markers, pencils, chalk, paintbrushes. Each will produce different effects and challenge the way your child holds their writing utensil.
- A magnetic doodle board makes a great mess-free option.
- Practice sheets for tracing shapes, letters, or types of writing strokes can help your child learn the muscle memory for them. These are widely available for free online, or make your own!



Being a Friend

Preschoolers are starting to make friends and it can be a challenge! Concepts like empathy, fairness, and sharing take practice and intention. Here are some ways to help your child develop these social skills:

- Read books about friends and talk about their interactions.
- Tell them when they excel at sharing, taking turns, or being kind.
- Teach your child how to ask another child to play with them.
- Meet new friends at the library or the park!