

Parent Tips for Understanding Writing in Kindergarten

*Ask your child to “read” his/her writing to you. Don’t try to read it yourself because your child will see your difficulty and feel frustrated.

*Writing is first and foremost about creativity and meaning making. Do not rush to correct errors. We will be working on skills in school.

*Kindergarten is the time to begin to “hear” sounds and put them on paper. Your child will not be able to spell correctly, but will move toward that skill in later grades.

*Writing is process and children need to feel confident that their ideas are important and valued.

*You will see an increase in letter/word awareness the more your child writes. Encourage writing at home and celebrate your child’s growth and attempts at becoming a great writer!

