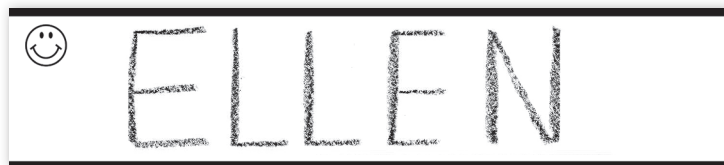


Children love their names! Does your child recognize their name? Do you see them trying to write their name? Teaching children to write their name depends on two things: age and readiness.

Start of Kindergarten: Capital Name

Your child won't always write in capitals, but it's the easiest way for them to start. This is especially true for your struggling writers or children with special needs. You can explain that there are two ways to write a name. The big letter way and the little letter way. Show them both, but focus on capitals first. Explain to them that when their hands get stronger, they can learn the other way, too.

1. Teach name in capitals with careful demonstration and imitation activities.
2. Put your strip above your child's strip. Demonstrate each letter on your strip and wait for your child to imitate you. Do this letter by letter (see below).



Kindergarten: Title Case Name

When you feel your child has had sufficient practice with their capitals, it's time to add lowercase letters. Most children look forward to learning this new skill. Teach title case name using demonstration and imitation on double lines. When teaching their name in title case, consider using paper with wide double lines to give your child guidance. Use 8 ½" x 11" paper with double lines drawn about 1.5 inches apart (see below).

