

# How Children Begin to Learn to Write

1. They strengthen their shoulder and arm muscles by making large (gross motor) movements with their arms such as waving flags



2. They strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers by doing fine motor activities such as pegging



3. They begin to make marks with their fingers in sand, paint, soil

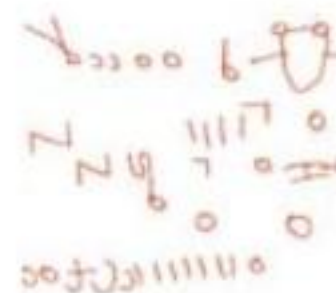


4. They make marks with equipment such as sticks, chalk or paint brushes on a large scale

6. They write circles and lines and begin to gain some control over equipment



7. They write in shapes and symbols and begin to give meaning to the marks they make



5. They make marks with equipment such as crayons or pens on a smaller scale



8. They use letters from their name to write messages

