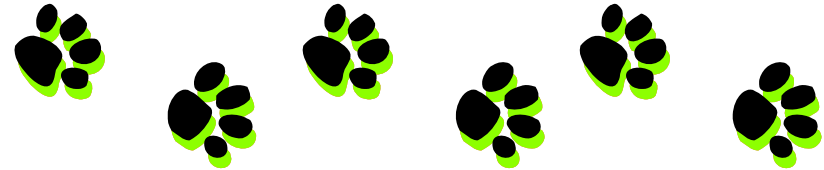


**ICE CREAM** may only be purchased on Friday during break time

# BES Tiger Tracks

## Write on!

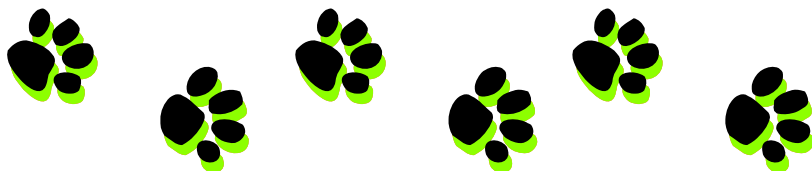


**Help your child make the connection between reading and writing.**

Learning to write is a lot like learning to read:

- Reading helps your child learn to recognize letters and how words are formed.
- Writing helps your child practice shaping letters and learn more about how they are used to make words and sentences.

Write a sentence in front of your child, then read it out loud. Point to each word as you read.



**Explain why writing is important.**

Think about all the times you write each day. Tell your child what you use writing for. Ask your child to think of some other times you might need to use writing. This will help your child see how writing is an important communication tool—just like reading.

**Write everyday.**

Keep a chalkboard or message board in the kitchen. Have your child help you decide what to write on it each day.

**Take writing materials with you.**

Give your child lots of opportunities to draw and write. For example, let your child have fun drawing while you're waiting in the doctor's office, at a restaurant, or traveling.

**Have plenty of writing supplies available.**

You don't have to spend a lot of money on writing supplies. Many can be recycled from things around your home!

Your child may enjoy any kind of paper to write on (even paper bags and cardboard boxes). Try a chalkboard or a sidewalk. Save scrap paper you don't need and let your child draw on the back of it.