

Writing

Below are the stages of writing in the “Tools of the Mind” curriculum. An “M” represents the current stages at which your child can independently write.

	Meeting		Meeting
Picture	Child represents idea or message with a representative, symbolic picture of it. The drawing helps the child remember the message	Ending Sounds	Can identify and write the final sound in words
Message	Child creates and remembers a clear, consistent message	Medial Sounds	Can identify and write the middle sound(s) in words
Lines	Can draw lines to represent words and can identify which lines represent which words	Alphabetic Principle	Writes words using inventive or approximate spelling
Initial Sounds	Line stands for a specific word, uses a sound map to represent initial sounds	Word Patterns	Uses word patterns consistently in writing for ex: -ing, -ow, -est