

Parent Guidelines for Helping Your Child during the Writing Process

- ✍ *Respond to the meaning and the message before commenting on the mechanics.*
- ✍ *Accept the child's spelling and printing approximations. Gradually they will be replaced by standard spellings, although functional spelling will still be used for unfamiliar words.*
- ✍ *If you feel the need to suggest changes or corrections, limit these to one or two and offer them only if your child is receptive.*
- ✍ *If your child is frustrated or tired, act as scribe.*
- ✍ *As the child becomes a more fluent and skilled writer, encourage the elaboration of a single event rather than the stringing together of a series of incidents.*

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Young Writers in the Making:
Sharing the Process with Parents