

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY**SUB-DOMAIN: LITERACY****WRITING****GOAL 63: WRITING - CHILDREN USE WRITING FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
<p>6 to 18 Months</p>	<p>Develops eye/hand coordination, basic grasps, and hand and finger strength that support making marks and scribbles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rakes or scoops small objects with hands. ▪ Pats, squeezes, and mashes items such as play dough or food. ▪ Makes marks on paper and shows them to others. ▪ Makes marks with fingers (in food, dirt, or sand). ▪ Holds crayons, paint brushes, markers with a variety of grasps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide child with a variety of objects and toys that are activated directly by a simple action (shaking, banging, hitting, or rolling). ▪ Engage in simple interactive songs with hand, arm, and finger actions (Eency Weency Spider and Twinkle, Twinkle). ▪ Draw and label pictures while talking with child about an activity or idea. ▪ Model uses of writing to child (making grocery lists, writing letters). ▪ Provide different materials for child to explore sensory use of materials and development of motor skills and writing (finger paints, shaving cream, or sand).