

# READING, WRITING & STORYTELLING



Picture it! Great readers are able to make a movie in their mind of the story. This visualization is what makes reading enjoyable (and often why we are disappointed when our favorite books are turned into movies!). Encourage your child to visualize by working on their own writing and story telling, great writers become great readers!

## WAYS TO ENCOURAGE WRITING & STORY TELLING:

- Model It: Show your child how important writing is by writing! Keep a journal, make lists, leave notes around the house.
- Journals and Diaries: Get your child a journal or diary for them to write and draw in. Remember drawing is just as important as writing.
- Comic Strips: Give your child a blank piece of paper and show them how to make a comic strip. Let them do the work, just create a few empty boxes for them to use as a template.
- Write Letters: Write your child a letter. Put it in an envelope and leave it somewhere for them to find it. Give them some paper and an envelope so they can write back.
- Ghost Stories: Create a fort, hide under the covers with a flashlight, or sit in the closet and tell a spooky story. If your child doesn't like scary stories, make it a mystery! Then have them make one up too!

