

WHY IS DRAWING IMPORTANT FOR KIDS?

Pencil Grasp

Drawing and scribbling is the first chance young kids and toddlers get to explore how it feels to hold a writing utensil. This is a huge deal because exposure and exploration allows kids to move through the developmental progression of pencil grasp. This way, by the time they're ready to start experimenting with pre writing and early writing skills – they are solidly working their way toward an efficient pencil grasp.

Hand strength

Drawing is a fun opportunity for kids to build strength and endurance in the muscles of the hands. Coloring inside a designated space, scribbling on a piece of paper, and experimenting with drawing shapes and lines all result in strengthening of the hands.

Bilateral skills

Drawing is one way for kids to get the feel of using a dominant hand to work and a non-dominant hand to stabilize.

Pencil control and dynamic grasp

As kids get more experience with drawing, they also refine their grasp so they're not only holding the writing utensil efficiently, but they are also able to control its movements easily. Having a dynamic pencil grasp means that the child is able to rest his or her hand on the paper while drawing, coloring, or writing, with the movement coming from the digits of the fingers rather than the wrist or elbow

Prewriting shapes

Within their drawings, kids begin to explore making different shapes and lines. These usually include circles, horizontal and vertical lines, diagonal and intersecting lines. Practice with making these lines contributes to later success with letter formation.

Creativity, Confidence, and Independence

Drawing is a great way for kids to gain independence and build confidence as they create their own one-of-a-kind masterpieces. They also get the chance to demonstrate their creativity and get their ideas onto paper.