The Montessori Writing Curriculum Series:

4-Part Series: 11/11 – Direct & Indirect Preparation from Birth to 3

11/18 – From Spoken Language to Writing in Children’s House

12/2 – Discovering the Precision and Power of Writing in Elementary

12/9 – Finding One’s Written Voice to Explore, Express and Connect

Direct & Indirect Preparation from Birth to 3

11/11/2016

Key Understandings
- 4-Planes of Development are central to Montessori Curriculum across the continuum.
- Writing leads to Reading.

Spoken Language
- Acquisition of the native language as well as a second language effortlessly.
- All the child needs is an oral/aural rich environment
  - Naming objects in the environment
  - Telling stories (real life)
- Asking simple questions
- Labeling emotions
- Poetry
- Rhyming
- Songs
- First sounds in words (phonological awareness)
- Toddler outcomes
  - Uses Single Words
  - Uses phrases
  - Uses sentences
  - Expresses needs
  - Articulates
  - Understands directions
  - Responds verbally to simple questions
Developing the Awareness that Writing Conveys Meaning
- Books
- Names of children on cubbies are written in cursive
- Write child's name on art work in front of them in cursive.

Fine Motor Development: Developing the Hand as a Tool for Writing
- Practical life activities; grasping, pouring, spooning, squeezing, cutting, etc.
- Toddler Outcomes for Fine Motor Development
  - Pours with control
  - Scoops
  - Spoons
  - Tongs
  - Squeezes sponge with control
  - Opens and closes objects
  - Cuts with scissors
  - Uses pincer grasp

Self-Expression
- Art activities
  - Chalk, markers, crayons, painting, gluing, printing, cutting with scissors, tearing newspaper.

How do you know if my child is struggling or delayed?
- Speech and motor development

What can I do to support my child's writing development?
- Provide an oral/aural rich environment; talk, sing, read aloud, with your child
- If you have concerns about your child’s speech and/or motor development,
  - Talk with your child’s pediatrician
  - Talk with your child’s Toddler teacher
  - Seek speech, hearing, OT screening
  - Intervention therapies

Questions and 10lers.