

**DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY****SUB-DOMAIN: LITERACY****WRITING****GOAL 61: WRITING - CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE AND USE OF LETTERS AND SYMBOLS.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
<b>60 Months through Kindergarten</b>	Writes and combines letters, numerals, and symbols to communicate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Writes own name with some legibility.</li> <li>▪ Prints some alphabet letters legibly.</li> <li>▪ Writes some uppercase and lowercase letters, without assistance.</li> <li>▪ Writes first names of others or some simple words.</li> <li>▪ Writes some simple words on paper after adult segments words into individual sounds, out loud (c – l – a – p = clap).</li> <li>▪ Write words from the near environment.</li> <li>▪ Writes numerals 0-20 with some legibility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Print an uppercase letter on one shape and its matching lowercase letter on another of the same shape. Show child how to match the shapes, thereby matching the letters.</li> <li>▪ Post the alphabet with upper and lower case letters in the classroom/writing area.</li> <li>▪ Attach a chart of the alphabet and numerals on table tops where children write. Put writing tools and paper nearby.</li> <li>▪ Provide templates of letters and numerals for children to practice writing.</li> <li>▪ Post a number line and use it for counting, both rote and for number.</li> <li>▪ Organize a special place for writing with a variety of paper, and writing tools.</li> <li>▪ Model appropriate uppercase and lowercase letters while writing.</li> <li>▪ Adapt the game "I Spy" to help child locate uppercase and lowercase letters.</li> <li>▪ Provide real opportunities for child to practice writing letters of the alphabet (ask child to help in making signs, or help address an envelope).</li> <li>▪ Provide many and varied opportunities and materials for child to write letters, lists, or notes in a variety of classroom areas (blocks, dramatic play, puppet theatre, math center).</li> <li>▪ Help child make his or her own letter books with pictures.</li> </ul>