

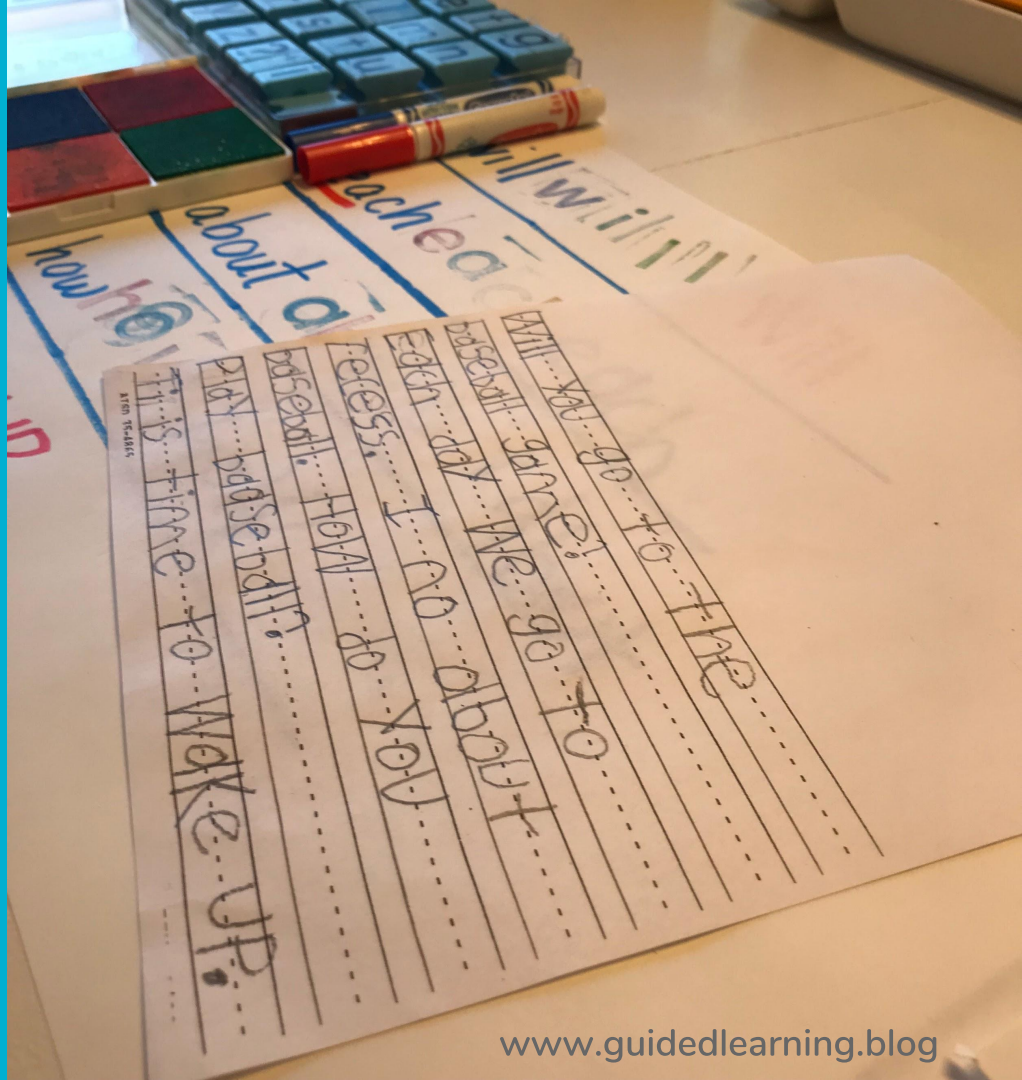
Responding to Your Child's Writing

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Your child shows you a writing piece

...what do you say to encourage her?



Respond with Encouragement

1 | Smile & Say

“Tell me about your writing.”

“Read me your story.”

“Tell me about the picture.”

2 | Provide Feedback

“I notice that...”

- “you spent a lot of time working on this”
- “you are using punctuation marks.”
- “the characters have funny names, tell me more about them.”
- “you used a lot of detail.”

3 | Teaching Point (maybe?)

- Is it a homework assignment? Essay? Then pick 1 or 2 items to work on together. “Let’s check over the spelling.”
- Is it a card for grandma? Love it and ask them to sign their name.

Responding with Encouragement

- Leads to more writing & practice leads to better writing
- Allows the child to enjoy the process & their products
- Allows mistakes to part of the process
- Allows the child to see herself as a writer

“The Desire to Write
Grows with Writing.”

~Desiderius Erasmus