



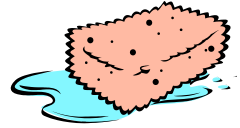
**Developing fine motor control** is a key skill in learning to write. You can help your child gain more control of small muscles through...

**Squeezing activities.**

Let him move water from bowl to bowl with a sponge.

Provide play dough.

Squeeze a small ball or bean bag.



**Pinching activities.**

Move water with an eye dropper.

Use tweezers to move beads from one dish to another.

Make collages together with materials you buy, collect, or find together.

Peg washing to a line.



**Using scissors** (with your supervision).

Cut pictures from magazines.

Cut play dough.

Cut plain paper or lined paper.

Cut collage pieces.



**Lacing and stringing.**

Lacing cards are available in toy shops.

Have them practice lacing and then tying shoes.

Use shoe laces to string beads or macaroni.



**Tracing activities.**

Draw lines on a page and have them trace the lines (from left to right).

Find a book with simple mazes for your child to trace.

Spread some shaving cream or baby lotion on to a flat surface.

Let your child make marks with his fingers.

