

# Wonder Writers: Working with Your Young Writer at Home

## Spelling Games

### Make a Word Ladder

Start with a small word (like "to") and challenge your child to make new ones by adding one letter at a time. So add an "n" to "to" and it becomes "ton." "Ton" plus an "e" equals "tone"; add an "s" and it becomes stone!

### Scrabble Title Word Builder

Each player takes 10 tiles and places them face up. The first player makes a 2-letter word. The next player adds a letter to make a 3-letter word. Continue playing until no more letters can be added. The last person to be able to add a letter to the word gets the points.

### Make any board game a spelling challenge:

Keep a list of high frequency words on hand. After each dice roll or turn, give your child a word to spell. If they spell it right, they move ahead. If not, they lose a turn. For fun, they can give YOU a word to spell on your turn!

### Play Traditional Word Games:

Try Boggle, Scrabble, or Upwords!

### Other Ideas:

- Keep a set of plastic letter tiles on your refrigerator
- Purchase bath crayons for writing while in the bathtub. You can even give your child words to spell while in the tub

