

(P2) Writes First, Middle & Last Name Independently

A “Name Ticket” is helpful: cut regular typing paper into strips about 1.5 inches high to give the child a “measured” writing space. Learning to write takes practice and praise. Backwards or omitted letters are not a big deal, effort is what counts. Over time, with much practice, your child will learn to write his or her name beautifully.

Also, approach learning to write name in simple steps helps:

1. Name Puzzle- helps child become familiar with letters in name and order.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VOZJMVEwFM&feature=channel>
2. Playdough Name- helps child learn about letters’ shape and order.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biRPEtbY5-U>
3. Practicing with first & last name displayed- helps child develop a working memory of their name. Use a “Name Ticket”.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SBw8ctyrM4>
4. Practicing with first, middle, & last name displayed- helps child develop a working memory of their name.
Cut the “Name Ticket” as before. As your child’s fine motor skills improve with practice, it is easier to write smaller and more measured. Your child will already be comfortable writing first & last name so that adding middle name is just one more step. See the above video and simply add your child’s middle name to the model: First Middle Last.
5. then encourage child to try to write first, middle & last name from memory. If they are having trouble, have them practice first with name displayed and then, cover name, and immediately try again. This sometimes “primes” memory.
6. Practice makes perfect! Praise all efforts as this motivates child to keep practicing, but point out errors or omissions like “Oops, now that says Paul”. It needs that “a” to say “Paula”. Will you try again?”