Awareness of print
• Display meaningful print: use labels, lists, signs, and charts in classroom or home
• Point to and read meaningful words aloud to children

Fine motor hand skills
• Provide a variety of small manipulative objects and activities: in-hand manipulation
• Model and demonstrate fine motor hand skills
  - Sensorimotor: adult shows how to hold or grasp objects
  - Scribbling: adult shows how to make scribbles
  - Writing first letters: adult shows how to make lines and shapes for letters

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  - Writing area: wealth of writing materials, writing accessories
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  - Include writing (literacy) props in play areas
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