



UNC Preschool Writing Program

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Welcome

Hello again to all of our friends and families of the UNC-CH Preschool Writing Program.

It has been a whirlwind since the last newsletter and we wanted to provide some updates. As always, none of this would be possible without the wonderful support from all of the schools, families and educators that are involved. Our team would also like to send the most gracious thank you to the Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences for continuing to fund this important research program.

Our research during Covid-19

Although the spreading of Covid-19 has led to school closures and the halting of in-person activities, our team has continued to work from a distance. We have kept busy by providing several activity packets for families that were handed out at drive-through events. Our team also made arrangements to be a part of story time with you and your family, and we have made available several books on our website read by our team members.

At present, we have converted our assessments and interventions into a virtual environment so that we can continue to work with you while also keeping everyone safe. We look forward to our continued work with you and your child in the New Year!





Have questions or any feedback?

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Don't forget to visit our website!

www.writeonNC.org

Remember your 3 W's!

WEAR a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.

WAIT 6 feet apart avoiding close contact.

WASH your hands for at least 20 seconds.



Findings update

Data continues to be processed and analyzed from the previous years. Our study is unique as it is one of the few that examines pre-writing skills. Our team recently published an article on the significance of executive function (e.g., planning, self-monitoring, self-control) as a part of emergent literacy as rated by classroom teachers. Ratings were collected by using the teacher completed Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function-Preschool (BRIEF-P).

Team member spotlight

Alex is a North Carolina native. After graduating from Miami University of Ohio, she worked as a special education teacher in Florida and North Carolina before joining the team in 2018. Alex enjoys working with kids in fun and creative ways so they don't even realize they are learning their letters! When Alex isn't working with our students, she enjoys spending time in the mountains with her family and baking with her children.



Resources and activities

Do you want free books delivered to your mailbox monthly until your child is five years old? If so, the Dolly Parton Imagination library is for you.

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/>

Our team has created video books read by our research team members. You can find them at the link below.

<https://www.med.unc.edu/ahs/writeonnc/books/>