

## **Catch your child's interest for writing:**

- Let your child guess what different signs mean (e.g. post office, Mc Donald's,...).
- Talk silently while writing something down.
- Write to your child (letters, post cards,...).
- Accept small steps of development concerning talking and writing (e.g. missing letters in words)
- Read to your child regularly.
- Use capital letters while writing.
- Leave "mistakes" uncorrected.

## ***You shouldn't...***

- teach your child.
- Pronounce the letters "Ah, Be, Ce, ...".  
But speak in phonetics: A, B, C, ...

## **My child begins school**

### **How can I support and promote my child's language development?**



**Iris Füssenich  
Otilie Merkel-Wörner  
Anneke Kensy**

## How to support spoken language:

- Talk to your child.
- Face your child while talking.
- Listen to your child.
- Answer the child's questions.
- Switch off the TV and other sources of disturbance while talking.

## Supportive for language development is...

- being active together: playing, talking and listening
- talking in a language you both feel comfortable with.

## ***You shouldn't...***

- force your child to repeat your spoken word.
- correct your child constantly while talking.

## Examples for dialogues with children:

- Writing a shopping list together.
- Talking while shopping  
(“Where is...”, “How much...do we need?”, “What is cheaper?”, “What do we need for...? “We don't buy this today, because...””).
- Developing rules for a game together.
- Talking about the surrounding while walking to the kindergarten.
- Reading and talking about books. E.g. while waiting at the doctor's.
- “Good-night-rituals” like reading, talking, singing or praying together.