

What does a child need to write well?

STRONG HANDS

Those tiny muscles in the fingers, palms and wrist need to have enough strength and dexterity to hold a pencil properly and move it across a piece of paper.

So, instead of getting children to do writing drills...

Encourage children to wad up paper in their hands

Mold Play-Doh into shapes

Use tweezers to move objects from one container to another

Hang up artwork and doll clothes with clothes pins

Pound golf tees into Styrofoam

Cut across a piece of paper with scissors