Tips on Improving Your Child's Writing Skills

Helping to enhance your child's writing skills is beneficial in many ways. Regardless of what profession they ultimately want to end up in they will probably end up using some form of writing to get there. College essays, standardized testing, S.A.T's, and even job applications all require writing. Polishing their skills with small at home assignments and writing exercises may be the key to their long term academic success.

Keeping a journal is an easy way for your child to start building their writing skills. Depending on their age they may want to keep their journal private, regardless of this though they will still benefit from the daily exercise. Younger children should be given a daily topic to get them started, while older children should be given creative freedom. You may elect a certain time of day to share journal entries, although this should be optional.

Have a family book club. Choose a book to read with your children and then have them write a short essay discussing their thoughts and feelings on the book. Go over the themes of the book, analyze the writing style and have them break the story down by sections, plot etc. Your local library is an excellent resource for selecting age appropriate books. If you have children of varying different levels have them read different books or choose a book that can be interpreted on many levels by different age groups.