

GET READY To write

Your kids' first attempt at the writing process is called emergent writing, and it begins when they're as young as 2 years old! When kids create drawings and symbolic markings, they are imitating the act of writing to represent their thoughts and ideas.



CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE

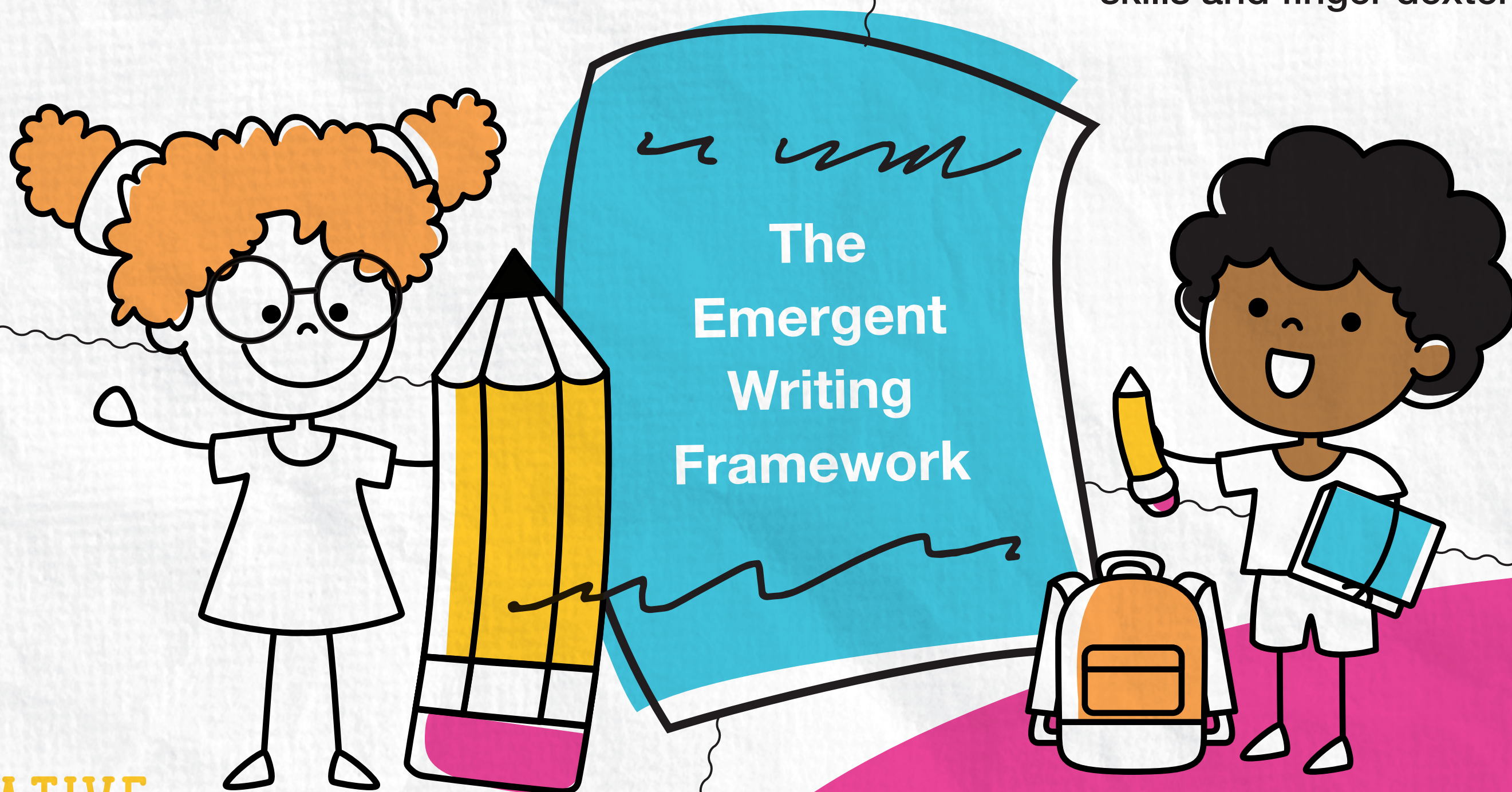
Learning that writing has a purpose, and that print is meaningful

- Kids become aware of things in their environment, like the red street sign says "Stop"
- Recognition that certain symbols, logos, and markings have specific meanings

PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE

The mechanics of letter and word writing

- Learning the alphabetic code, including how to form letters and the sounds associated with each letter
- Practicing and developing fine motor skills and finger dexterity is beneficial



GENERATIVE KNOWLEDGE

Writing phrases and sentences that convey meaning

- Translating thoughts into writing
- Experimenting with different forms of writing, such as creating lists or composing a story

Set the Foundation

- Encourage drawing, scribbling, and imitating writing
- Practice fine motor skills
- Read together as much as you can – books, signs, menus, anything!
- Label things with your kids' names and talk about the letters in their names
- Send letters together – have your kids dictate to you and watch as you write