

Writing Teach and Emphasize

To hook young children on writing, and to create classrooms full of students who see writing as a joyful activity, I suggest teachers consider the following:

Teach	Teach and <i>emphasize</i>
Rules for spelling	How to spell words as best you can by using the strategies you know, and then take note of words you think are misspelled, keep writing, and finally come back to correct your word.
Some assigned topics	How to make interesting and varied choices for topics of writing, genres of writing, and formats for writing.
Paragraph formation	The ideas that you write and the purposes for which you write determine the ultimate sentence count in each paragraph and the ultimate organization of your piece.
Convention (mechanical correctness)	Write so that others want to read your writing. Remember the rules, but more importantly, keep writing and writing, and when you are done, go back and revise and edit.
Following directions	Good writers are always learning and growing, putting forth effort, and coming up with fresh and interesting ideas.