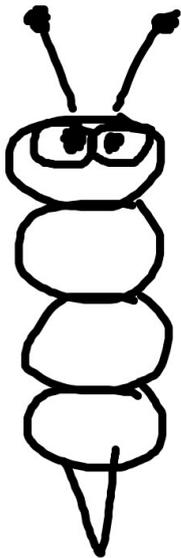


Squiggle Kids

MINI DRAWING BOOKS

FARMYARD SERIES

**Hi! I'm Squiggle Pop!
I'm a caterpillary kinda
guy with a crayon tail
- perfect for
squigglng fun!
I'm in these books to
help get your child
started
drawing!**



**And please
excuse the
hiccups - POP
- it's why they
call me
Squiggle Pop!**

*Academic references

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Want to know more?

For guidance on the wide and fun range of drawing tools, drawing ideas and the developmental stages of drawing, see www.memobooks.com.au/squigglekids/ or come to one of our workshops.

Congratulations on purchasing these mini drawing books for your child!

Small in size but not in important learning and development, these mini drawing books are the perfect screen-free activity for you and your child for waiting rooms and cafes. In fact, they're great for whenever you're on the go!

But how could books so small be important for learning and development?

Drawing is both a precursor to writing* (a series of drawing patterns) and a communication tool and tool for expression, alongside verbal speech, play and singing. Drawing helps children to develop the fine motor skills they need to write as well as visual skills and memory skills, which are the same used for handwriting. As such, drawing is a cornerstone for early literacy development.

There are other benefits of drawing too, especially when it is a shared activity between parent and child. These include enhancing the parent and child relationship through fun and play, providing opportunities to teach children about the world (eg colours, shapes) and developing verbal speech through parent and child interaction.

Tips for using these books

Use Squiggle Pop's (see left!) prompts to encourage your child to draw. Add others to inspire and extend your child!

Treat Squiggle Pop's prompts as suggestions only - if your child goes off script, great! These books are all about encouraging children to draw and build confidence drawing anything and everything that interests them!

Children will respond in their own way to the activities. Some children will need more parent involvement than others and this may change over time. Take your cues from them and get involved!

The final page (full A4 page) provides lots of room for your child to explore their unique ideas, with some starters from Squiggle Pop. There's no limit to what can be created on that page!

Where next? Get a big piece of paper - could be white, green or brown or whatever is at hand. Encourage your child to draw all their farmyard friends together in a farmyard home.

Drawing really can be a fun experience for everyone. Let your guard down and join in! Yes, we are talking to you, mums and dads!