Top 9 Writing Apps

Writing is a process that includes everything from handwriting skill to sentence construction to planning and drafting a story. We've found apps that help young children along several steps of the writing process. Several apps literally turn your iPad into a handwriting tablet for practice. We bet your child won't complain about practicing letters with technological fun like this!

ABC Cursive Writer	Free	*ABC Cursive Writer* is an app for practicing cursive. Students have the options of practicing single letters — upper case or lower case, whole words, word sets, sentences, and numbers. *(Compatible with iPad)*
iCanWrite	$0.99	*iCanWrite* is a letter tracing app. Students can work from preset groups of letters or you can enter groups for them to use. Letters are shown one at a time with a demonstration. Once the letter is traced correctly the next letter is shown. At the end of the sequence the results are shown as handwriting to give a great sense of achievement. *(Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad)*
iWrite Words	$2.99	*iWriteWords* helps to teach kids how to write the letters of the alphabet, numbers up to 20, and simple words using a dot-to-dot approach. It helps if kids already know how to count and read numbers up to 10 in order to play this game. *(Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad)*
Kids Writing Pad	$0.99	*Kids Writing Pad* is a basic large lined writing pad useful for practicing numbers and letters. It has a middle dotted line between two solid lines like most primary school paper so children can practice having the appropriate parts of the letters or numbers in the right areas. Children can also choose the color of their pencil or use an eraser, or touch the big eraser to erase the entire page. *(Compatible with iPad)*
Popplet	$4.99	*Popplet* is a productivity app that also works as a mind mapping tool. Use the app to begin structuring the writing process. The app can also be used to create graphic organizers, classroom visuals, organize material according to text structures (list, sequence, compare-contrast, cause-effect), and to practice sentence combining and complex sentence creation by connecting individual "Popples." *(Compatible with iPad)*
Sentence Builder	$5.99	*Sentence Builder* is an app that helps children learn to build grammatically correct sentences about a given picture. Special attention is paid to the connector words. *(Compatible with iPad)*
Story Builder	$7.99	*Story Builder* is a multi-purpose app designed to teach story structure. In the process, students learn sentence structure, sequencing and inferencing. The app develops comprehension by asking children to respond to questions about a picture, helping them to structure the story. The child's answers are recorded within the app. Then the the answers are put together to form a story. There are also multiple levels included in the app; level two requires inferencing. *(Compatible with iPad)*

TeachMe: 1st Grade	$0.99	*TeachMe: 1st Grade* is an app that focuses on writing, spelling, and math. With this app, children answer questions and solve problems using their own handwriting. The app then reads the answers using a writing recognition engine. If your child needs help, TeachMe: 1st Grade will show them how to write the correct answer including the proper stroke order. Parents can select which subjects display, set difficulty level, choose specific questions, and even review performance history for each subject to check how their child is doing. *(Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad)*
Toontastic	Free	*Toontastic* is a creative learning tool that empowers kids to draw, animate, and share their own stories through imaginative play. Toontastic teaches key storytelling principles. Children are walked through creating the story arc: A Setup, Conflict, Challenge, Climax, or Resolution. Creating a story is as easy as putting on a puppet show — children simply press the record button, move the characters onscreen, and tell their stories. Once they're done, Toontastic will play back their animation and voice as a cartoon for ythem to share with friends and family. *(Compatible iPad)*