

# Scroll

## The 2024 CLEL Bell Award Book for WRITE

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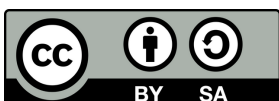
***Scroll* is a journey into the imagination of Lulu, who, upon observing her grandfather write Chinese calligraphy and characters, decides to create the characters herself. Lulu and her dog enter a world where each stroke brings the ancient characters to life, including an angry dragon that Lulu must counter with her cleverness and her kindness. It is a story of family, tradition, curiosity and creativity.**

### Activity Ideas for *Scroll*:

- Fingerpaint with the smallest pre-writers tracing simple shapes, swirls, and lines with a little water or baby food on a plate. Supervise toddlers and older children with other edibles like whipped cream or salt. Scented shaving cream adds another layer to the sensory experience for preschoolers. For children who prefer to keep their fingers clean, use a paintbrush instead. Fingerpainting strengthens the small muscles in fingers and helps build pre-writing skills. It also enhances hand/eye coordination.
- Head outside with paint brushes and a small, unbreakable bowl of water. Water paint sidewalks, rocks or other natural surfaces. Paint with simple watercolor paints on paper indoors or outdoors. Try to recreate the Chinese characters from the book and come up with a story together. A paintbrush requires more fine motor control and is another instrument to express ideas on a surface or on paper.
- Lulu and her grandfather share a special bond. Write a letter together to someone special in your family or friend circle. Encourage your child to draw them a picture. Drawing, even simple scribbles, is another pre-writing expression of ideas on paper.

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