

The Handwriting Concern: A Practical Guide for Parents

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1. What are your concerns? What do you see in your child's handwriting?
2. Why is handwriting so important? How does writing help us learn?
3. How did COVID affect our children's learning?
4. How do children learn how to handwrite? What skills are required? How do learning styles determine HOW they achieve?
5. What are the 3 pillars of Handwriting: Direct handwriting instruction, Pencil Grip and Fine Motor Skills, and Physical Set-Up and Gross Motor Skills
6. What does Handwriting Instruction Involve?
 - a. Modeling
 - b. Consistent Language
 - c. Order of Capital and Lowercase Letters, Numbers
 - d. Multisensory materials
7. How do children develop the correct grip?
 - a. Modeling
 - b. Size appropriate writing utensils
 - c. Coloring and Fine Motor activities
 - d. Type of functional grips
 - e. Do we "fix" all grips?
8. How does the Physical set up affect Handwriting?
 - a. Size of desks and chairs
 - b. Seating stability
 - c. Quiet environment
9. What can go wrong? What handwriting issues can arise?
10. How do we remediate handwriting concerns?

- a. What services and resources are available?
 - i. Public school services
 - ii. Private school, private therapy, tutoring
- b. What materials and techniques are effective?
 - i. Seating, cushions, foot stools
 - ii. Working on a vertical plane
 - iii. Fine motor activities to build strength and coordination
 - iv. Pencil grips
 - v. Tip Grip Protocol
 - vi. Slant board
 - vii. Letter Charts
 - viii. Gross Motor activities: Shaving cream, wood pieces, sidewalk chalk,
 - ix. Wet Dry Try with chalk
 - x. Lined paper, graph paper, liners
 - xi. Techniques for spacing: spacing sticks and verbal cues
 - xii. Cursive writing
 - xiii. Assistive technology and keyboarding
- 11. Resources are attached to this webinar!
- 12. Do you have any questions??