

Teaching Order

The Handwriting Without Tears® developmental teaching order helps children master handwriting skills in the easiest, most efficient way. As a result, children can transition quickly from learning the mechanics of handwriting to focusing on content and meaning—in all subjects. We teach printing first. After printing is mastered, we add the cursive connections.

Capital Teaching Order

Developmentally, capitals are easier so we teach them first. The capital teaching order helps teach correct formation and orientation while eliminating reversals. Learning capitals first makes it easy to transition to lowercase letters.

Frog Jump Capitals Starting Corner Capitals Center Starting Capitals
F E D P B R N M H K L U V W X Y Z C O Q G S A I T J

Lowercase Teaching Order

We teach lowercase c, o, s, v, and w first because they are exactly the same as their capital partners, only smaller. By teaching capitals first, we have prepared children for nearly half of the lowercase letters that are similar in formation.

c o s v w t a d g u i e l k y j p r n m h b f q x z

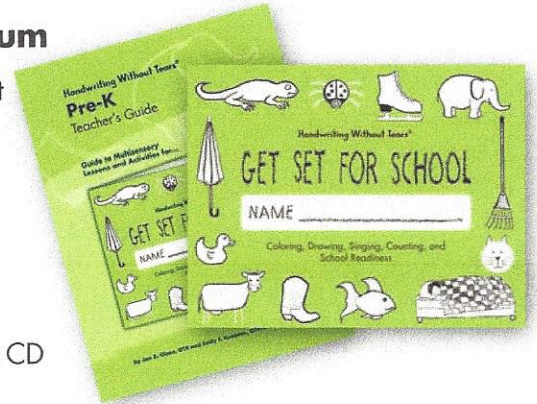
Pre-K

Get Set for School™ An Award-Winning Pre-K Curriculum

Your multisensory Pre-K materials will help young children develop important readiness skills for kindergarten. They will recognize and build letters and numbers, grow their vocabulary, develop body awareness, socialization skills, and much more.

Essential Components:

- *Get Set For School* student workbook
- *Pre-K Teacher's Guide*
- Letter Building Kit
- Stamp and See Screen™
- Roll-A-Dough Letters™
- *Get Set For School Sing Along* CD



Multisensory Learning

Learning with Music using the *Get Set for School Sing Along* CD

Liven up your lessons with this award-winning music. Use it to teach positional concepts, body concepts, body parts, and letter formation. This engaging music was created by back-to-back Grammy® award winners for Best Children's Album, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer.

Preview 20-second segments of all CD songs on our website, www.hwtears.com.



Teaching with Wood Pieces and Music

Children use the Wood Pieces Set and music from the *Get Set for School Sing Along* CD to learn positions in space, body parts, and shapes.



Up in the Air



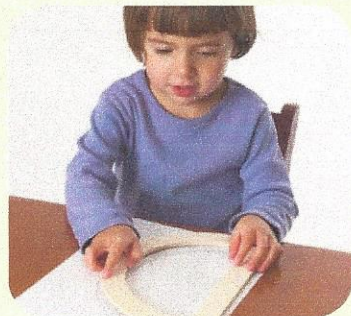
Touch My Toes



Make a Circle

Building Capitals on the Letter Cards and Mat

This activity helps students master top-to-bottom formation habits and capital letters.



1. Gather materials. Demonstrate for the child. Ask the child to build the letter on the Capital Letter Card.



2. Demonstrate letter formation on the Mat. Ask the child to build the letter step by step.



3. **D** is done!

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Building, Singing, and Drawing Mat Man™

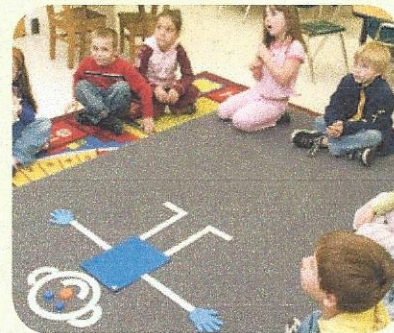
Mat Man™ makes drawing easy. This activity develops a child's body awareness, drawing, and counting skills.



1. Teacher builds Mat Man on the floor and gives Mat Man parts to the children.



2. Children build Mat Man while singing the Mat Man song.



3. Mat Man is built. Now it's time to draw him on paper!

Forming Capital Letters with Roll-A-Dough Letters™

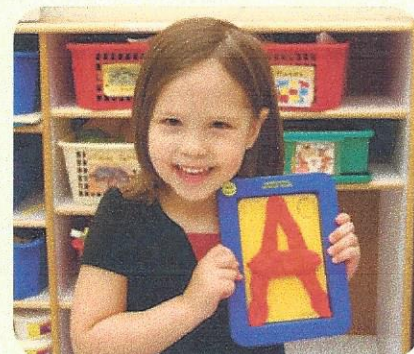
Children form letters by rolling dough snakes and placing them in the tray. This activity encourages motor development and promotes letter recognition.



1. Show the child how to roll the dough into snakes. Have the child roll the dough.



2. Demonstrate how to cut and place dough pieces to form a letter on the Laminated Letter Card. Have the child imitate you.



3. Have the child form her own letter. What a beautiful A!

Making Letters on the Stamp and See Screen™

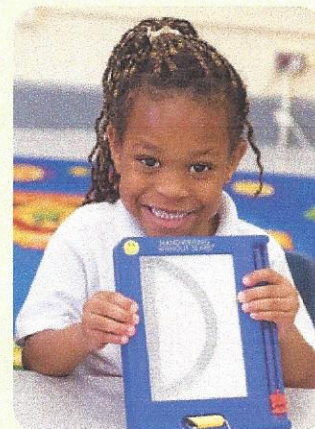
Children learn correct letter placement to promote neat and fast printing.



1. Stamp the complete letter, step by step. Erase it.



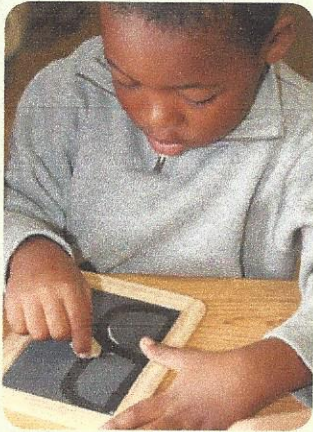
2. Have the child imitate you, making the letter with the small magnetic stamps or the writing tool.



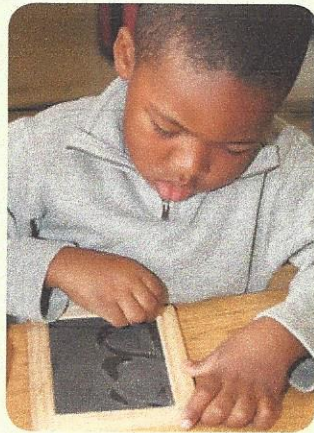
3. Look at D!

Learning Capitals and Numbers on the Slate Chalkboard

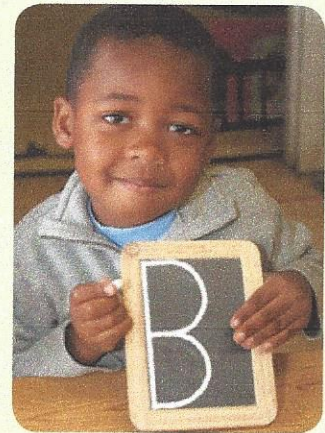
Students learn to write capitals and numbers using this fun hands-on activity that works for all learning styles.



1. Demonstrate for the child. Have the child trace the model with a wet Little Sponge Cube.



2. Have the child trace the model with a crumpled paper towel piece.



3. Have the child pick up a Little Chalk Bit and write over the dry model. **B** looks great!

Learning Letters on the Blackboard with Double Lines

Children learn correct letter placement to promote neat and fast printing. Use the Blackboard with Double Lines for letter, word, and name practice before transitioning to pencil and paper.



1. Gather materials.



2. Demonstrate for the child.



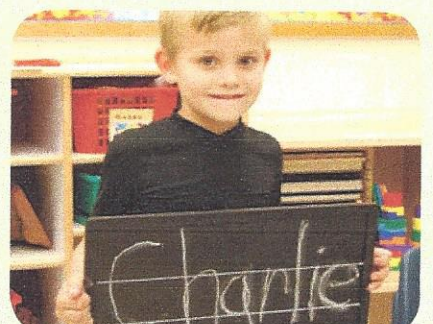
3. Have the child trace the model with a wet Little Sponge Cube.



4. Have the child trace the model with a crumpled paper towel piece.



5. Have the child pick up a Little Chalk Bit and write over the dry model.

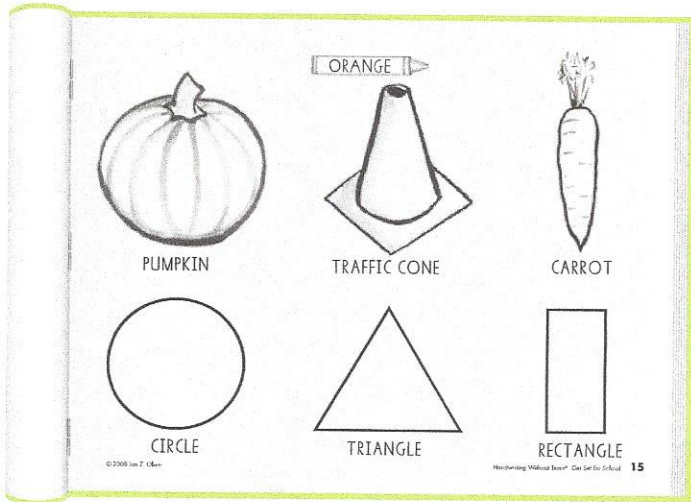


6. Charlie is proud to write his name.

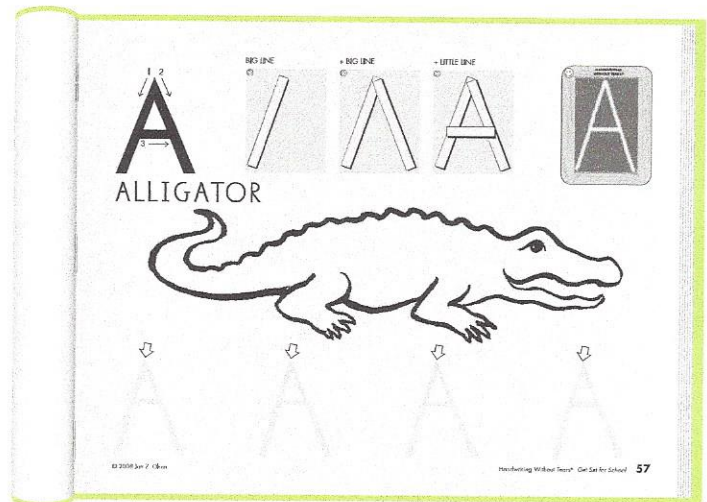
For video demonstrations, see www.hwtears.com/videos1.

Get Set for School™

The *Get Set for School* activity book includes shape, pre-stroke, capital letter, and number lessons introduced in a developmental sequence. Activities are included to teach counting, self-drawing skills, and letter recognition.



- Colors and shapes taught together
- Simple black and white pages
- Developmental progression of activities



- Multisensory lessons using Slate and Wood Pieces
- Unique gray crayon stroke for letter and number models
- Left-hand friendly design

Refer to the **Pre-K Teacher's Guide** for strategies to teach lessons and activities. You'll find helpful tips, shortcuts, and lesson outlines by day and by week. All your students need is 10 minutes of practice a day.

Helpful Online Resources

Check the Handwriting Without Tears® website for video demonstrations, webinar schedule, training, new activities, and free downloads for lively and effective handwriting instruction: www.hwtears.com.

Free Support Newsletters

With the HWT program, support is always at hand:

- You can sign up to automatically receive the **Frog Jump Gazette**. This e-newsletter features timely handwriting strategies and downloads for your classroom delivered three times a year straight to your email inbox. Check out the latest issue at: www.hwtears.com/newsletter.
- New program users can sign up to receive the **CAPITAL Start** orientation newsletter. Each issue provides tips and strategies to implement the Handwriting Without Tears® program successfully. It also offers new teacher insights and provides access to program experts and exclusive teaching tools: www.hwtears.com/CapitalStart.



Handwriting Tips and Teaching Strategies



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