

CURSIVE WRITING

Suggestions for Cursive Writing

- It is recommended to review and practice proper letter formation on a regular basis.
- To further increase ease of cursive writing, encourage the child to complete cursive warm-up activities such as distal finger control activities (with wrist movement restricted, drawing small circles or figure eights on paper).
- To further help the development of cursive writing, encourage kinaesthetic repetition of the letter formations – drawing cursive letters/words in the air, drawing cursive letters/words with eyes closed, drawing cursive letters/words in sand, etc.
- Consider setting a goal of the child writing their first and last names in cursive, to develop their signature. To do so, they may start cursive writing practice by focussing learning the cursive letters in their name only, then connecting the letters.
- Provide modelling, verbal cues and physical cues (dots where to start the letters) as needed.

Cursive Writing Programs

Programs that review cursive writing techniques/letter formation based on same group formations are available including “Learning Without Tears (LWT) Cursive Handwriting Program” as well as “Loops and Other Groups Kinesthetic Handwriting Program” – both available online. If practicing at home, parents are also encouraged to consult with their child’s teacher to determine if they are utilizing a specific cursive writing program at school, and to utilize the same strategies for consistency.