

Dear Parents,

I am excited about the 1st grade handwriting program. Handwriting Without Tears® (HWT) is a simple, developmentally based curriculum with multi-sensory lessons designed to teach to all learning styles. The unique materials and appealing terminology eliminate problems with letter formation, reversals, legibility and sentence spacing.

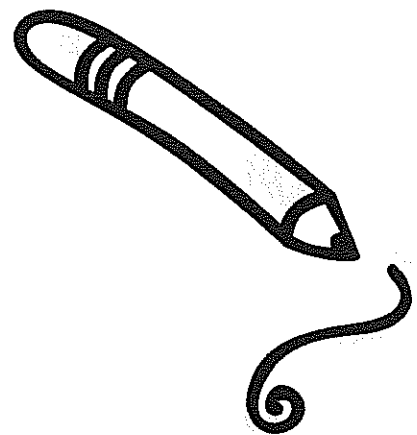
In first grade, we will emphasize printing lowercase letters correctly and using them in words and sentences. Number formation will also be reviewed and practiced.

The attached charts show you how to make the letters and numbers. It also indicates the language to use when talking with your child about handwriting. I am excited about helping your child develop good handwriting skills.

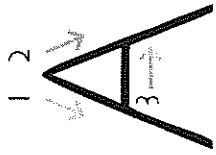
Sincerely,

Mrs. Verdegan

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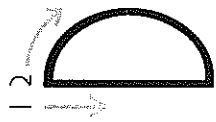
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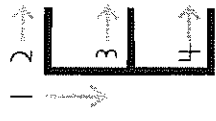
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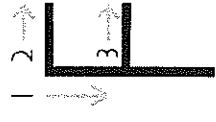
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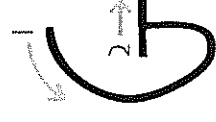
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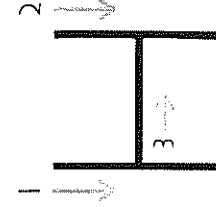
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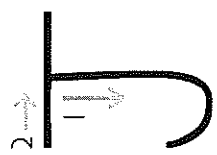
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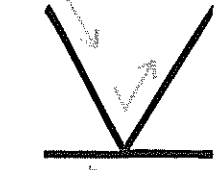
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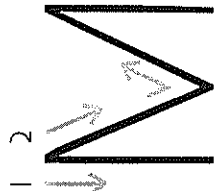
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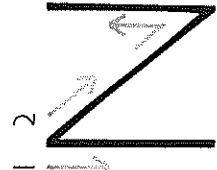
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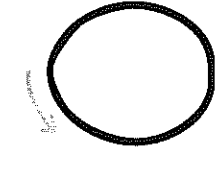
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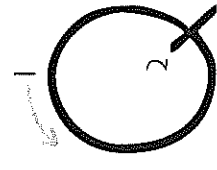
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Big C curve
Keep going



Big line
Little curve



Big C curve
Keep going
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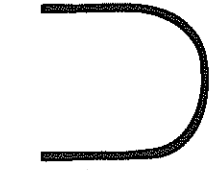
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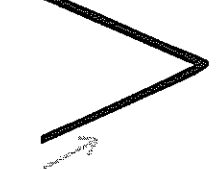
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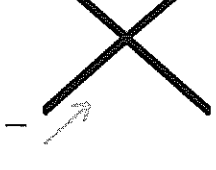
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Big line
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Big line
Big line
Big line
Big line



Big line
Big line



Little line
Big line



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Magic c up like a bump back down bump

dive down swim up and over around bump

Magic c

Magic c up like a up higher back down bump

start hit the ball run the bases stop

At first, curve up. Then go straight down. up down cross

Magic c up like a back down

dive down swim up and over down

Dots for you! dot down

Dots for you! dot down turn

down bump the line kick! slide away


Start at the top! Go down. down bump the line

start with n swim up and over down m has two humps


dive down swim up and over down n has one hump

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Magic c keep on going stop




swim up and over around bump




Magic c bump up like a back down



dive down swim up and over



little Magic c little Magic c turn down curve around




Start of the step! Get down.


Directions for crossing!

left-handed right-handed


down bump the line cross




down, travel, up back down




slide down slide up



slide down and up down and up



slide down slide down



slide down slide down



go across slide down go across

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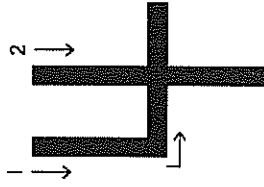
- 1 starts in the starting corner.
- 1 makes a big line down.
- 1 stops in the corner.



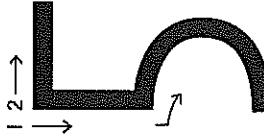
- 2 starts in the starting corner.
- 2 makes a big curve.
- 2 stops in the corner.
- 2 walks away on the bottom.



- 3 starts in the starting corner.
- 3 makes a little curve to the middle.
- 3 makes another little curve to the bottom corner.



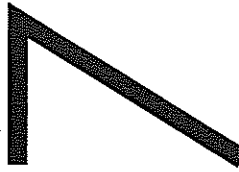
- 4 starts in the starting corner.
- 4 makes a little line down to the middle.
- 4 walks across the dark night.
- 4 jumps to the top and says, "I did it." (big line down)



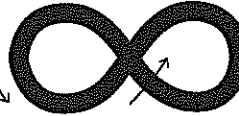
- 5 starts in the starting corner.
- 5 makes a little line down to the middle. It starts to rain.
- 5 makes a little curve around.
- 5 puts a little line on top to stop the rain.



- i starts in the starting corner.
- i is a baby bear.
- i goes down to curl up in the corner.
- i is hibernating.



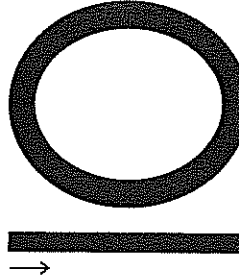
- 7 starts in the starting corner.
- 7 makes a little line across the top.
- 7 says, "I better slide down."



- 8 is different.
- 8 doesn't like corners.
- 8 starts at the top center.
- 8 begins with 5 and then says, "I want to go home."



- 9 is so special.
- 9 has its own corner.
- 9 makes a little curve.
- 9 goes up to the corner.
- 9 makes a big line down.



- 0 uses two places.
- 0 comes first.
- 0 is next.
- 0 starts at the top center.
- 0 is finished.



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