

Pre-Writing Skills

Buiding the Foundation for Handwiting Success

Pre-handwriting strokes develop before letters and provide the foundation for handwriting, drawing, visual-motor integration, and fine motor control.

Developmental Stroke Progression

1.Vertical Line	12-18 months
2.Horizontal Line	18-24 months
3.Cross	2½-3 years
4.Circle	3 years
5.Square	4 years
6.Triangle	5 years
7.X	5½-6 years

Keep it Playful!

Practice doesn't have to involve pencil and paper.

Try:

- Dry erase markers on windows or mirrors
- Sidewalk chalk
- Sand or rice sensory trays
- Drawing in dirt with a stick
- Shaving cream on the bathtub wall
- Painting with water or finger paint

Why It Matters: Every activity reinforces the same stroke patterns used for handwriting. Keep practice short (5-10 minutes), fun, and encouraging.

Remember:

Always teach strokes **top to bottom** and **left to right**.

These movement patterns are essential for handwriting success!