

# Handwriting Without Tears®

## Kindergarten Curriculum

At the kindergarten level, children review basic readiness and social skills and engage in play-based learning as they move to formal handwriting instruction. Here are some of the skills they will develop this year with the Handwriting Without Tears® curriculum:

- Social skills and body awareness
- Proper pencil grip and posture for writing
- Vocabulary for building/forming letters and numbers
- Correct letter and number formation, sizing and placement
- Basic sentence writing including words, spacing, capitalization and punctuation



### Why Handwriting Without Tears?

- Easy to learn curriculum that works for all students
- Child-friendly consistent language
- Clear workbooks with huge step-by-step directions and generous spacing for children to write
- Easy methods to eliminate backward letter and number writing
- Fun to learn; no more tears!

## The Handwriting Without Tears® Difference

### Natural Developmental Order

- The curriculum follows natural developmental progression from the easiest to the more advanced skills.
- Hands-on learning tools and exercises follow a student's natural sequence of learning: imitation, copying, independent writing.
- Children learn capitals first using Wood Pieces, Letter Cards, Mat, and Slate.
- Lowercase letters are taught in a natural sequence based on similarity of formation and are immediately used in words with previously taught letters.

### Hands-On Learning

Mat, Wood Pieces, Slate, and Blackboard with Double Lines make learning a treat. This assortment of products is unique in the way each engages children and teaches handwriting skills. Holding a pencil, understanding direction, positioning of letters, vocabulary for teaching and learning through imitation are some of the key kindergarten skills students will learn.

### Review and Mastery

The Handwriting Without Tears® curriculum reinforces children's mastery of concepts throughout the workbooks with special review and mastery activities. These sections follow a group of letters and focus on reinforcing the formation of all previously taught letters. Teacher's guide activities used throughout the year help students increase their legibility and build their confidence.