

Kindergarten

Getting Started with Kindergarten

Your kindergarten materials help you teach printing with lowercase letters and capitals in words and sentences.

Essential Components:

- *Letters and Numbers for Me* student workbook
- *Kindergarten Teacher's Guide*
- *Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn* CD
- Letter Building Kit
- Blackboard with Double Lines



Multisensory Learning

Learning with Music using the *Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn* CD

Your students will sing and dance their way to better language and motor skills with the upbeat rhythm and clever lyrics on this CD recorded by back-to-back Grammy® award winners for Best Children's Album, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marner.

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



Teaching with Wood Pieces and Music

Children use the Wood Pieces Set and music from the *Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn* 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. 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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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 demonstration see www.hwtears.com/videos1.

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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!

Letters and Numbers for Me includes capital and lowercase letters; number, word, and sentence lessons that combine handwriting instruction with other language arts lessons.

- Gray Blocks for teaching capitals and numbers without reversals
- Student self-checks for letters, words, and sentences

- Large step-by-step illustrated instructions
- Child-friendly consistent language

RAINBOW

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- Double lines to facilitate correct size and placement
- Generous spacing with room to write

D is for duck.

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- Left-hand friendly design
- Simple black-and-white pages

Words for Me

zip quit fox

Sentence for Me

Zebras run fast.

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I can write 5.

I can count to 5.

1 2 3 4 5

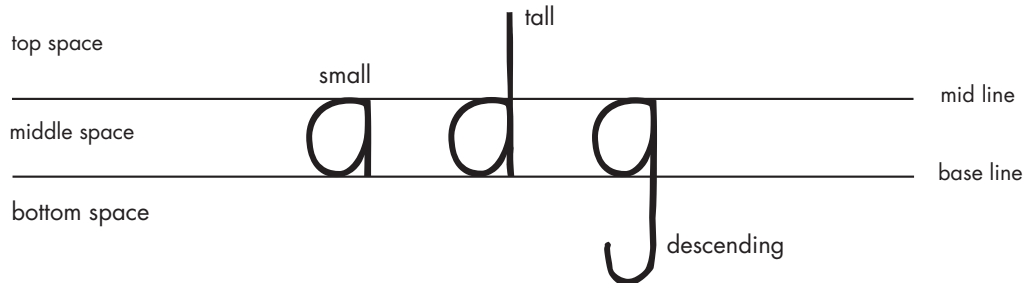
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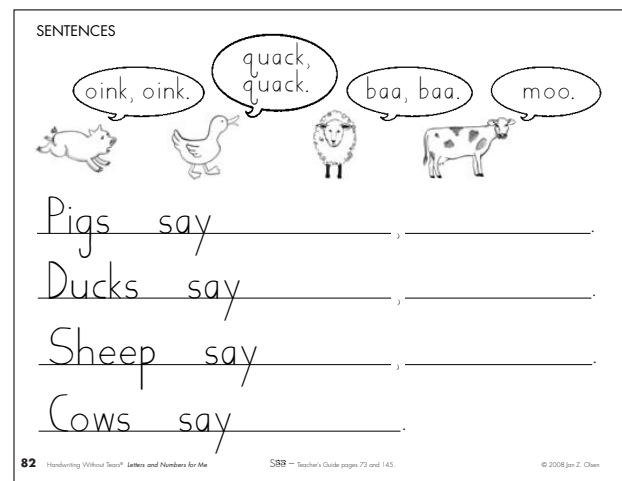
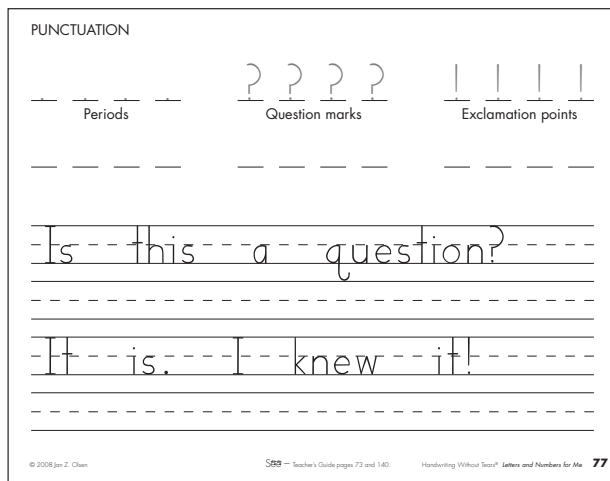
Line Generalization and Success on all Paper Styles

With so many lines and so many styles, children need paper that will prepare them for it all. Using HWT double lines, children learn to place letters correctly and naturally.

With two lines, children quickly understand where to place letters. Small letters fit in the middle space. Tall letters go in the top space. Descending letters go in the bottom space.



HWT provides activities for children to experience different types of lined paper (single, double, triple, etc.).



Refer to the **Kindergarten Teacher's Guide** for details on teaching letters and activities. You'll find helpful tips, shortcuts, and lessons outlined 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 receive the **Frog Jump Gazette** automatically. 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.