

1st Grade

Getting Started with 1st Grade

Your 1st Grade materials help you teach printing with lowercase letters in words and sentences. There are activities for number lessons too!

Essential Components:

- *My Printing Book* student workbook
- *1st Grade Printing Teacher's Guide*
- *Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn* CD
- Blackboard with Double Lines



Multisensory Learning

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. Also see *1st Grade Printing Teacher's Guide*, pg. 25.

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.



My Printing Book

My Printing Book includes letter, word, number, and sentence lessons as well as activities that combine handwriting instruction with other language arts and math lessons.

- Child-friendly consistent language
- Large step-by-step illustrated instructions
- Left-hand friendly design
- Generous spacing with room to write

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- Simple black-and-white pages
- Student self-checks for letters, words, and sentences
- Double lines to facilitate correct size and placement

Refer to the **1st Grade Printing Teacher's Guide** for details on teaching letters and activities. You'll find helpful tips, shortcuts, and lessons outlined by day and 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.