

Bright Horizons® uses *Handwriting Without Tears*®

Our Preschool and Kindergarten Prep classrooms utilize the *Handwriting Without Tears*® program for printing instruction. This program incorporates unique, multisensory activities, featuring hands-on materials and lessons that work for students of diverse learning styles.

- Engaging activities that form good handwriting habits
- Hands on lessons with cross-curricular connections
- Teaching strategies aligned to learning standards



Wooden pieces and letter cards are used by children just starting to learn capital letters. This hands-on set includes big curves, little curves, big lines and little lines. Children create letters using the different pieces either independently or by copying the shadow cards. Children begin to understand that complex letters are composed of simple shape



When using **Roll-A-Dough**, children roll, tear and cut dough to create letter shapes. Manipulating the dough improves finger strength and fine motor control while children learn letters and numbers.



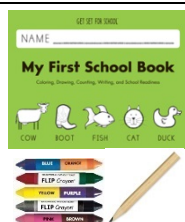
Stamp and See Screens allow children to stamp a capital letter with magnetic stamps: big lines, little lines, big curves, little curves. They can trace the stamped capital with a magnetic stylus. Tracing the letter is a first taste of writing the letter with strokes.



Slate chalkboards help children learn to write capitals and numbers without reversals. Little chalk bits are used to foster finger dexterity and good pencil grip. The smiley face at the top left corner reinforces top-to-bottom, left-to-right directionality.



Children learn body awareness, cooperation, organization, and sequencing as they build **Mat Man** together. Using songs and games, children work together to create Mat Man. The program also includes books about the adventures of Mat Man.



When using **My First School Book**, children of different abilities develop and practice crucial school readiness and pre-writing skills. Color, number, and shape lessons develop crayon and pencil grip. Unique gray crayon strokes disappear when children trace over it.

Short pencils and crayons promote proper handwriting grip.

