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Why Teach Handwriting?

Despite the influx of technological communication instruments that require only voice and/or button-pushing in today's world, handwriting is still an important life skill. Writing by hand ties in closely with the skills of reading and comprehending. Handwriting personalizes communication with others in a way that technological devices cannot. Neat, legible printing leads to neat, legible cursive writing. Handwriting is a skill students can take pride in throughout their lives.

Teacher Tips

When preparing to teach printing to young students, consider materials to have available, your method of teaching, how to motivate students, general support, and ways to monitor and assess students' progress. Here are tips and suggestions for each of these aspects.

Materials to Have Available

A printing center is an excellent way to give students a variety of opportunities to practice their letter formation with a variety of materials. You may wish to include the following:

- practice printing sheets
- whiteboards
- laminated printing practice cards and lined paper
- chalkboards
- individual notebooks, portfolios, or scrapbooks
- center cards with simple phrases, poems, etc., to copy
- pencil grips
- different sizes and colors of paper
- pencils, colored pencils, markers, and crayons