

Pre-Printing

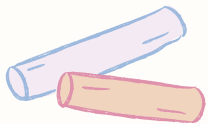
Your monthly tips and tricks newsletter completed by your School Occupational Therapist (OT)!

- Children learn how to draw lines and shapes in preparation for printing letters and numbers.
- Most children can draw all pre-printing lines and shapes by the age of 5.
- Children may have difficulty printing letters and numbers if they have not mastered the pre-printing lines and shapes.
- Pre-printing skills should be the focus before and during Kindergarten.

The Sequence of Skills

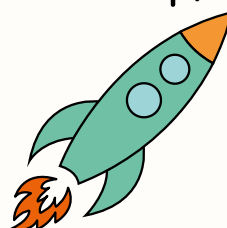


Children generally develop their drawing skills in the following order:



Tips for Practicing:

- Build shapes out of play-doh or blocks, draw shapes in shaving cream, sand, in the air with a finger, on sidewalk with chalk.
- Allow children to scribble on vertical surfaces such as an easel or whiteboard.
- Matching and targeting skills: puzzles, playing catch, dot-to-dot, mazes, etc.
- Paper-pencil activities by drawing pictures with shapes. (e.g., lines on a ladder, birthday cake, rocket ship, sun)



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