

Tips for teaching handwriting at home

Do it correctly yourself: Remember that children learn by imitating you, so make sure that you are holding your pencil and forming your letters correctly.

Sit up straight: Make sure your child can sit with feet on the floor and so his or her arm can move freely wherever he or she writes, at home or school.

Read: Show your children the importance of communicating through words.

Sing: When you sing the alphabet song, show your children the letters as you sing. Sing songs that use their fingers, like the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "The Crayon Song."

Draw: Children who draw often, write better. For young drawers, give them broken pieces of chalk or crayons to use. They will have no choice but to hold these small pieces correctly.

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