

Handwriting Without Tears®

The goal of Handwriting Without Tears® (HWT) is to make legible and fluent handwriting an automatic and natural skill for children of all ability levels. This program uses fun, entertaining, and educationally-sound instructional methods to teach handwriting to all students: preschool through cursive. HWT is unique in that it is developmentally-based, works for children of all abilities, uses multi-sensory teaching aids and methods, and is easy to teach and fun to learn.

If a child is having trouble with handwriting, an evaluation can be conducted (regardless of what handwriting methods may be being used at school) to assess upper case, lower case, number skills, spacing, and size. This will allow us to determine a child's strengths and difficulties, and we can then develop a customized remediation plan that will specifically address each area of challenge.

This program features:

- Engaging techniques and activities help improve a child's early self-confidence, pencil grip, and body awareness skills.
- Multisensory techniques and consistent habits for letter formation to help all children learn.
- Unique strategies to teach good letter formation, spacing, neatness, and cursive connections.

Children enjoy HWT because it makes handwriting easy and fun to learn. This program can be completed in 6-8 weeks (depending on the child & home programming) and includes a weekly 45-60 minute session at our center, as well as weekly home programs.

For more information about this type of therapeutic intervention and how it may benefit your child, we invite you to contact the Occupational Therapy Department at the Kaufman Children's Center by phone at (248) 737-3430, via e-mail at jessicah@kidspeech.com, or visit our website at kidspeech.com.