

# Sensational OT Tip of the Month

## Assignments

### Do you know children that ...?

1. Struggle to copy assignments into their planners.
2. Their writing when copying from the board is illegible.
3. Have difficulty sizing their writing for the space allowed.

They might have visual-motor difficulties making it difficult to scan text and copy text. Assignments get missed or are incomplete.

## Sensational Ideas about Assignments

1. Draw lines in the planner to help children align and size their writing.
2. Give a child a post it note with the assignment on it to copy into the planner (easier to copy paper to paper than from the board).
3. Allow older children that have iPads, Laptops, or cell phones to take a picture of the assignment on the board and then transcribe it into the planner.

*Ask the occupational therapist at your school if you are interested in more information about **how visual motor difficulties impact assignment completion.***

Go to <http://www.aota.org/Consumers/consumers/Youth/Handwriting.aspx> for more information on handwriting.

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