

# Sensational OT Tip of the Month

## Handwriting

**Do you know children that ...**

1. Write illegibly?
2. Have trouble with the size of their letters?
3. Do not space between words properly?

## Sensational Ideas for Legible Handwriting

1. Check to see if the child has learned one consistent method of formation and is not “drawing” letters. You want to help the child develop an automatic, efficient formation of each letter. This requires watching the process of writing not just the checking the end result. Writing Wizard is one of many apps available to practice correct formation.
2. Consider using paper that gives color clues for sizing such as Hi-Write or Hint Print. Consistent size and spacing will be harder if paper is too “busy”.
3. Cursive writing can help some children with spacing or reversal problems.
4. Encourage a child to skip a line on theme paper between each line used for writing.
5. Use a spacer for a younger writer first learning to space between words. A decorated craft stick can be called “Spaceman”.

For a wide range of fine motor and writing suggestions go to:

<http://therapystreetforkids.com>

We recommend the Handwriting without Tears materials be considered by schools as a handwriting curriculum.

Go to <http://www.hwtears.com/hwt/educators> for more information.

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