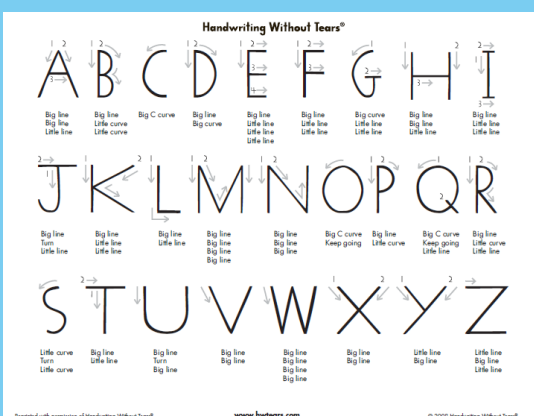


THE LANGUAGE OF HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS

Supporting R1 Students

WHY CAPITALS?



Capital letters are developmentally easier than lower case letters. When children learn capital letters first and learn lower case letters second:

- They avoid capita/lowercase confusion
- They learn lowercase letters more easily because c,o,s,v,w,x,y,z are the same as their capitals; j,k,t,p, and u are similar to their capitals.

If we teach capitals correctly, children will be skilled with all capitals and nearly half of the lowercase alphabet.

WHERE DO YOU START YOUR LETTERS? AT THE TOP!

All letters are formed top down and left to right. Writing will be faster and more legible and it's easier and more accurate to pull a crayon across the page than to push it



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LINES AND CURVES

Lines and curves are used to create all of the capital letters. They have names to help children form letters

BIG LINE

BIG CURVE

LITTLE CURVE

LITTLE LINE

THE BEST TOOL FOR PRE-K CHILDREN IS THE CRAYON. THEY CREATE A NATURAL RESISTANCE AND BUILD STRENGTH IN THE HAND.

*Information adapted from 'Reading & Writing Pre-k Teacher's Guide' (Get Set for School, 2012)