Handwriting Without Tears®

Getting Started with First Grade Samples

Your first grade materials help you teach printing with capitals and lowercase letters in words and sentences. There are activities for number lessons, too!

Essential First Grade Materials:

- My Printing Book student workbook
- 1st Grade Printing Teacher’s Guide
- Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn CD
- Blackboard with Double Lines
- Little Chalk Bits
- Little Sponge Cubes
- Wide Double Line Notebook Paper (500 sheets)
- Pencils for Little Hands
Multisensory Learning

Learning with Music Using the *Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn CD*

Your students will sing and dance their way to better language and motor skills with the upbeat rhythm and clever lyrics on this CD recorded by back-to-back Grammy® Award winners for Best Children’s Album, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer.

Preview 20-second segments of all songs on our website hwtears.com/music

Learning Letters on the Blackboard with Double Lines

Children learn correct letter placement to promote neat and fast printing. Use the Blackboard with Double Lines for letter, word, and name practice before transitioning to pencil and paper.

1. Gather materials.
2. Demonstrate for the child.
3. Have the child trace the model with a wet Little Sponge Cube.
4. Have the child trace the model with a crumpled paper towel piece.
5. Have the child pick up a Little Chalk Bit and write over the dry model.
6. Charlie is proud to write his name.

For video demonstration, see hwtears.com/videos or pp. 44 and 63 of the 1st Grade Printing Teacher’s Guide.

Tech Tools for Your Classroom

**Digital Teaching Tools**

**Letter & Number Formations**

Model the steps for writing letters in print and cursive by using this web-based program on your interactive whiteboard or computer.

**A+ Worksheet Maker**

This classroom resource helps you integrate our unique font and double lines into other activities like sentence writing, spelling, vocabulary, and graphic organizers.

**Electronic Teacher’s Guides Available for Grades K–4**

Our electronic teacher’s guides bring fun and engaging elements of our curriculum to your computer. The interactive, easy-to-use format reduces prep time and enriches your instruction.
Workbook Activities

*My Printing Book* includes letter, word, number, and sentence lessons, as well as activities that combine handwriting instruction with other language arts and math lessons.

- Child-friendly consistent language
- Left-hand friendly design
- Large step-by-step illustrated instructions
- Generous spacing with room to write
- Simple black and white pages with left-to-right illustrations avoid visual confusion
- Student self-check for letters, words, and sentences
- Double lines to facilitate correct size and placement

Refer to the *1st Grade Printing Teacher's Guide* for details on teaching letters and activities. You’ll find helpful tips, shortcuts, and lessons outlined by day and week. All your students need is 10 minutes of practice a day!

More Tech Tools for Your Classroom

**Wet-Dry-Try® App**

The Wet-Dry-Try App combines versions of the popular Handwriting Without Tears Slate Chalkboard and Blackboard with Double Lines activities. Students can accurately practice formations based on our proven methodology and with instant feedback.

**Keyboarding Without Tears™**

This effective, game-based curriculum for students in grades K–5 fits perfectly into the developmental progression of writing. It teaches pre-keyboarding, keyboarding, general computer readiness, digital citizenship, and digital literacy.
Teacher & Classroom Resources
A library of teacher and classroom resources to support your teaching! Find them in our Learning Lounge at hwtears.com/learninglounge

The Screener of Handwriting Proficiency
This free, easy-to-administer, whole-class assessment helps you assess classes and identify students who are struggling with handwriting. The Screener is universal and can be used independently or as part of an RtI framework.

A Click Away
This special section of our website is just for teacher’s guide users. You will find downloads, extra practice pages, and additional activities and lessons. Use these to supplement your classroom instruction or to send home to families to foster a strong school-to-home connection.

Online Seminars
Free online seminars enhance your teaching through interactive exchanges with experts.

E-Newsletters
Free tips, resources, tools, and fun activities delivered to your inbox.

Video Lessons
Watch experts demonstrate activities, so you can easily master the lessons in your classroom.

Classroom Downloads
Send home in backpacks, use them as supplements in your classroom, or share them with colleagues.

Learning Standards
Handwriting & Keyboarding: Standards for the Production and Presentation of Writing
Both handwriting and keyboarding are skills students need to master to produce effective written work. These standards define what needs to be taught and mastered in written production at each grade level.