Getting Started with Third Grade Samples

Your third grade materials will help you teach cursive letter formations and connections using multisensory strategies and activities that tie cursive handwriting practice to other language arts lessons.

Essential Third Grade Materials:

- Cursive Handwriting student workbook
- 3rd Grade Cursive Teacher’s Guide
- Blackboard with Double Lines
- Little Chalk Bits
- Little Sponge Cubes
- Regular Double Line Notebook Paper (500 sheets)
Multisensory Learning

Practice Cursive Using the Blackboard with Double Lines

Children learn correct letter placement to promote neat and fast cursive. Use the Blackboard for letter, word, and name practice in cursive 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. Noah is proud to write his name.

For video demonstration, see hwtears.com/videos or pp. 48-49 in the 3rd Grade Cursive 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

*Cursive Handwriting* teaches a clean, clear, vertical style of cursive that is easy to write and easy to read. Children learn to write quickly and neatly using fun activities and lessons.

- Large step-by-step illustrated instructions
- Child-friendly consistent language
- Left-hand friendly design
- 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

Refer to the *3rd Grade Cursive Teacher’s Guide* for details on teaching letters and activities. You’ll find helpful tips, shortcuts, and lessons outlined by day and week. All you 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.