Getting Started with Kindergarten Samples

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

Essential Kindergarten Materials:

- Letters and Numbers for Me student workbook
- Kindergarten Teacher’s Guide
- Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn CD
- Laminated Capital Letter Cards for Wood Pieces
- Wood Pieces Set for Capital Letters
- Mat for Wood Pieces
- Slate Chalkboard
- Little Chalk Bits
- Little Sponge Cubes
- Blackboard with Double Lines
- Wide Double Line Notebook Paper (500 sheets)
- Flip Crayons (tub)
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

Teaching with Wood Pieces and Music

Children use the Wood Pieces Set for Capital Letters and music from the Rock, Rap, Tap & Learn CD to learn positions in space, body parts, and shapes.

Building Capitals with the Letter Cards and Mat

This activity helps students master top-to-bottom formation habits and capital letters.

For video demonstration, see hwtears.com/videos or p.105 of the Kindergarten Teacher’s Guide.
Building, Singing, and Drawing Mat Man®
Mat Man makes drawing easy. This activity develops a child’s body awareness, drawing, and counting skills.

1. Teacher builds Mat Man on the floor and gives Mat Man parts to the children.
2. Children build Mat Man while singing the Mat Man song.
3. Mat Man is built. Now it’s time to draw him on paper!

Learning Capitals and Numbers on the Slate Chalkboard
Students learn to write capitals and numbers using this fun hands-on activity that works for all learning styles.

1. Demonstrate for the child. Have the child trace the model with a wet Little Sponge Cube.
2. Have the child trace the model with a crumpled paper towel piece.
3. Have the child pick up a Little Chalk Bit and write over the dry model. B looks great!

Learning Letters on the Blackboard with Double Lines
Children learn correct letter formations and 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. Have the child trace the model with a wet Little Sponge Cube.
2. Have the child trace the model with a crumpled paper towel piece.
3. Have the child pick up a Little Chalk Bit and write over the dry model.
Workbook Activities

*Letters and Numbers for Me* includes letters, number, word, and sentence lessons that combine handwriting instruction with other language arts lessons.

- Gray Blocks for teaching capitals and numbers without reversals
- Student self-check for letters, words, and sentences
- Large step-by-step illustrated instructions
- Child-friendly consistent language
- Double lines to facilitate correct size and placement
- Generous spacing with room to write
- Left-hand friendly design
- Simple black and white pages with left-to-right illustrations avoid visual confusion
- Words and sentences model good spacing
Line Generalization and Success on all Paper Styles

With so many lines and so many styles, children need paper that will prepare them for it all. Using double lines, children learn to place letters correctly and naturally. Small letters fit in the middle space. Tall letters go in the top space. Descending letters go in the bottom space.

Our workbooks provide activities for children to experience different types of lined paper.

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**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.

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**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.

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