

Cursive Handwriting Introduction — Preparing the Hand

Base Sheet

If the child shows readiness, this lesson introduces cursive letter formation beginning with pre-writing strokes: waves, loops, and connected curves. The child practices on a chalkboard before transitioning to paper, following the Montessori progression of large to small movement.

- Chalkboard or whiteboard
- Chalk or dry-erase marker
- Lined handwriting paper (wide-ruled)
- Pencil with proper grip
- Sandpaper cursive letters (if available)
- Wet sponge for erasing

Steps:

1. 'You have been writing in print letters beautifully. Some writers also learn CURSIVE — a flowing, connected style of writing. Would you like to try?'
2. Demonstrate on the chalkboard: draw continuous wave patterns.
3. Child practices waves: smooth, even, filling the board.
4. Demonstrate loops: up-loop, down-loop, repeating.
5. Child practices loops across the board.
6. Connect them: waves that turn into loops.
7. Show one simple cursive letter: lowercase 'c' (same as print but with an entry stroke).
8. Child practices 'c' on the chalkboard, large.
9. Transfer to paper: practice waves, loops, and 'c' on lined paper with a pencil.
10. 'Cursive is like dancing with your pencil!'

Work Space:



