

Dear Third Grade Parents,

In the ez Write Quick 10 Cursive Handwriting program, the letters are introduced in the familiar ez Write stroke groupings which the students have already learned. The program begins by teaching the Up the Steps Connector, then followed by the Up the Steps Letters which use the strokes the students have already learned to "Muscle Memory."

If your student is new to ez Write and has not had the benefit of earlier letter stroke instruction, it will be important to spend appropriate time familiarizing them with the 8 Beginning Strokes. The students will begin by doing the stroke review lessons.

Order of Letter Introduction

Up the Steps Letters: i t s r

Up the Steps Loop Letters: e l b f j

Down the Steps Letters: Pp h k

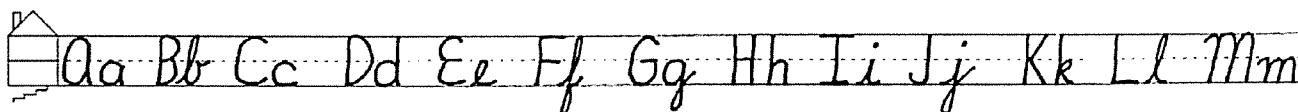
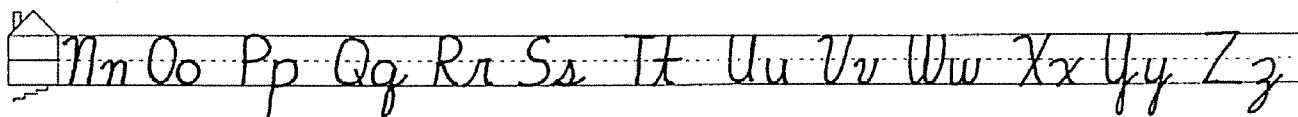
C Stroke Letters: Cc Oo Aa d g q

U Turn Letters: Uu Yy Ww

Rainbow Curve Letters: Nn Mm Vv Xx z

Most cursive writing seen today uses a method called "print writing" where both printing and cursive are combined. ez Write is designed around the "print writing" method. This eliminates much of the instruction time needed to teach the conventional, more stylized, uppercase letters which are difficult to read and seldom used.

Student writing contains approximately 90% lowercase letters. Because of this, we teach all of the lowercase letters first, and then introduce the uppercase letters that are formed the same way as the lowercase letters. The students will learn all of the lowercase letters and 13 of the uppercase letters in cursive form during Third Grade. We will continue to use some of the printed uppercase letters to increase readability and speed.

A row of cursive handwriting practice on lined paper. It starts with a small house icon on the left. The letters are: Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm. The letters are written in a cursive style, with some letters like 'Aa' and 'Mm' showing the 'up the steps' connector.A second row of cursive handwriting practice on lined paper, starting with a small house icon. The letters are: Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz. The letters continue the cursive style from the first row.