

Dear parents,

We are going to practice the Curly Caterpillar letter group (c, o, a, d, g, q) over the next few weeks.

All of the letters in the letter group start with the c shape. The sequence of the mastery of the sub-strokes for these letters - lines and circles - are the first to be established developmentally. So, it makes sense for these letters to be learned first.

Teach your child to always start at the top and draw around to the bottom of the letter to form a 'c'. Make sure they use the same formation each time.



When starting each worksheet: Let your child use their pointing finger, to trace the letter from the starting point to the end. Then use a pencil.

If your child finds the letter formations tricky, then let them trace over the letters provided under 'your turn'. As they get confident, encourage them to write the letter next to the grey letter, rather than tracing. First demonstrate the first letter to your child, then let them have a go.

Letter and Number Formation

The Happy Handwriter®

The right way the first time!®

Letter formation is a significant predictor of mastery of good handwriting.

Lines, Strokes and Shapes

Letters and numbers are made up of lines, strokes and shapes. Children need to have mastered these before writing letters and numbers.

Starting Positions

Correct starting positions are critical. If they are not well-consolidated, it can cause difficulties with handwriting speed, and letter and number reversals.

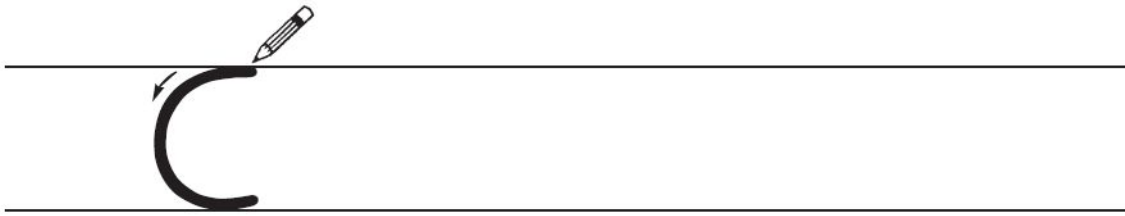
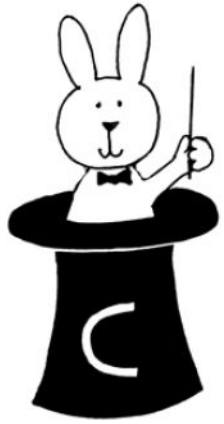
Motor Maps

Letters & numbers have a unique set of formation instructions in the brain. We call these "motor maps." They are established through repetition.

Automatic Handwriting

We aim to "master the motor map" for letter formation so handwriting is automatic. Children need to think about what to write, not how to write.

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Magic c



car

Your Turn



Your Turn Again





Magic c



keep on going



stop



o c t o p u s

Your Turn



Your Turn Again



Name: _____

Date: - -

1. dog

2. book

3. hook

4. dog

5. book

6. hook



Magic c

up like a



back down



apple

Your Turn



Your Turn Again



Name: _____ Date: - -

1. hat _____ 2. star _____ 3. car _____

4. hat _____ 5. star _____ 6. car _____

Name: _____ Date: - -

1. act _____ 2. was _____ 3. coast _____

4. act _____ 5. was _____ 6. coast _____
