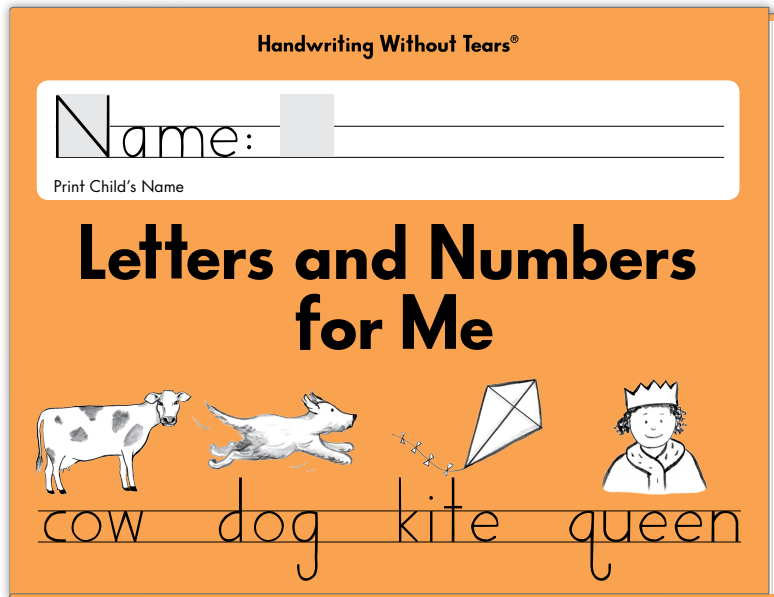




Kindergarten Welcome Letter



Dear Family,

We are excited about the kindergarten handwriting program we are using this school year. Handwriting Without Tears® is a simple, developmentally based curriculum. The program uses fun, multisensory materials and music to teach letter and number formation.

Your child will be using the workbook *Letters and Numbers for Me* at school. The lessons focus on letters, numbers, and learning to print words and sentences correctly. The workbook also introduces punctuation and beginning poetry and paragraph skills. Our goal is to build the good handwriting habits that will help your child succeed in school.

We're sending letter and number formation charts home so you'll know what to say when you help your child. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

P.S. If you would like more information about the Handwriting Without Tears kindergarten program, visit the Handwriting Without Tears website: hwtears.com



Capital Formation Chart

A
1 2
3

Big Line
Big Line
Little Line

B
1 2
3

Big Line
Little Curve
Little Curve

C
1 2

Big Curve

D
1 2

Big Line
Big Curve

E
1 2
3
4

Big Line
Little Line
Little Line
Little Line

F
1 2
3

Big Line
Little Line
Little Line

G
1 2

Big Curve
Little Line
Little Line

H
1 2
3

Big Line
Big Line
Little Line

I
1 2
3

Big Line
Little Line
Little Line

J
2
1

Big Line
Turn
Little Line

K
1 2

Big Line
Little Line
Little Line

L
1 2

Big Line
Little Line

M
1 2

Big Line
Big Line
Big Line
Big Line

N
1 2

Big Line
Big Line
Big Line

O
1 2

Big Curve
Go around

P
1 2

Big Line
Little Curve

Q
1 2

Big Curve
Go around
Little Line

R
1 2

Big Line
Little Curve
Little Line

S
1 2

Little Curve
Turn
Little Curve

T
1 2

Big Line
Little Line

U
1 2

Big Line
Turn
Big Line

V
1 2

Big Line
Big Line

W
1 2

Big Line
Big Line
Big Line
Big Line

X
1 2

Big Line
Big Line


Y
1 2

Little Line
Big Line



Z
1 2

Little Line
Big Line
Little Line

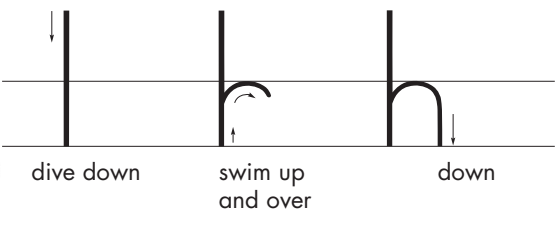

Lowercase Formation Chart



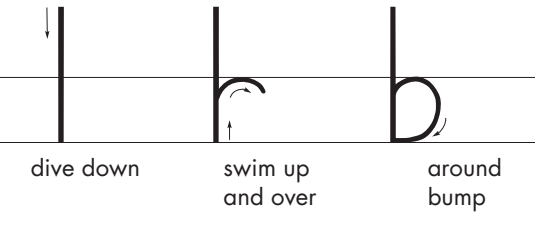

Magic c up like a bump back down bump

dive down swim up and over down

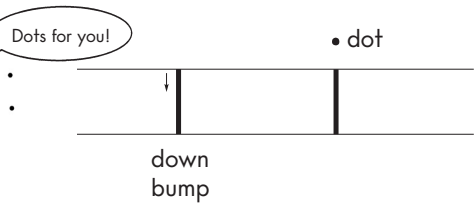

dive down swim up and over around bump

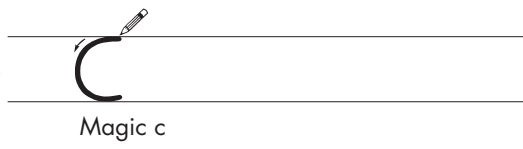

Dots for you!

• dot

down bump

Magic c

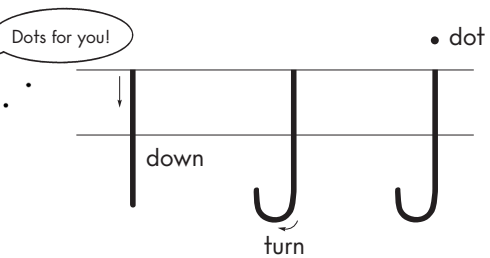




Dots for you!

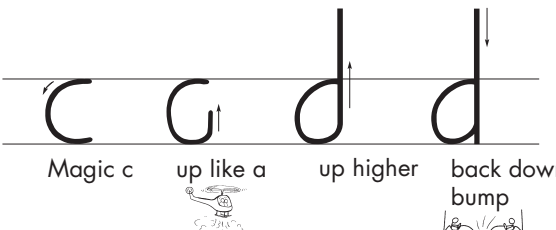

• dot

down

turn

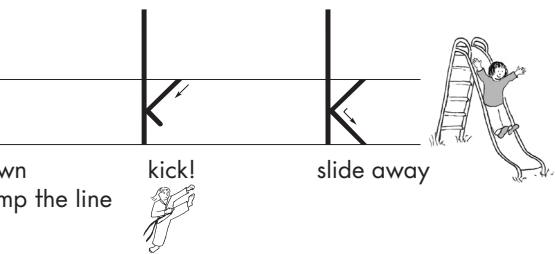
Magic c up like a up higher back down bump

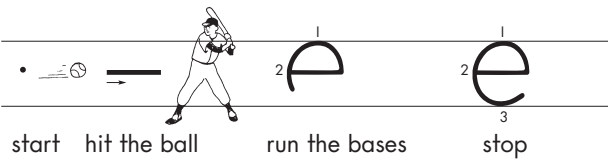

down bump the line

kick!

slide away

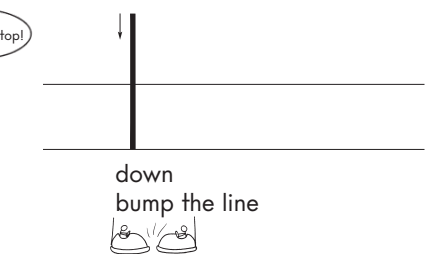



start hit the ball run the bases stop

Start at the top!

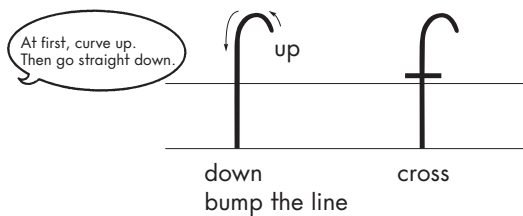

down bump the line

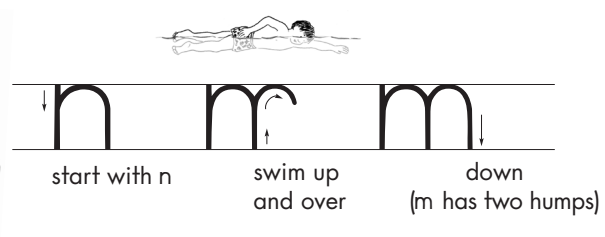

At first, curve up. Then go straight down.

up

down bump the line cross

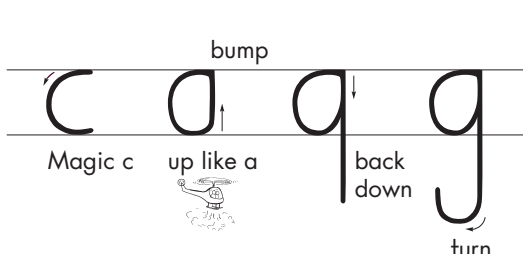




start with n swim up and over down (m has two humps)

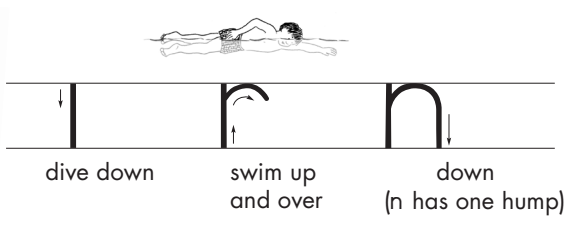



Magic c up like a bump back down bump

turn

dive down swim up and over down (n has one hump)




Lowercase Formation Chart














Magic c keep on going stop









bump
 down, travel, up back down bump










dive down swim up and over around bump









slide down slide up












Magic c bump up like a back down U turn









slide down and up slide down and up








dive down swim up and over









slide down slide down








little Magic c little Magic c turn down curve around





slide down slide down



Start at the top!

down bump the line cross

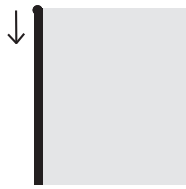
Directions for crossing †:
 Left-handed Right-handed



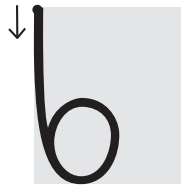



go across slide down go across

Number Formation Chart



1 starts in the Starting Corner.
 1 makes a Big Line down.
 1 stops in the corner.



6 starts in the Starting Corner.
 6 is a baby bear.
 6 goes down to curl up in the corner.
 6 is hibernating.



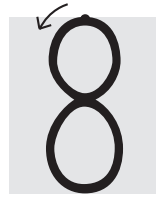
2 starts in the Starting Corner.
 2 makes a Big Curve.
 2 stops in the corner.
 2 walks away on the bottom.



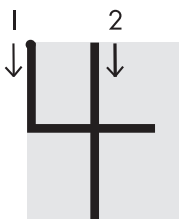
7 starts in the Starting Corner.
 7 makes a Little Line across the top.
 7 says, "I better slide down."



3 starts in the Starting Corner.
 3 makes a Little Curve to the middle.
 3 makes another Little Curve to the bottom corner.



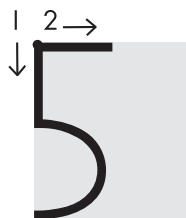
8 is different.
 8 doesn't like corners.
 8 starts at the top center.
 8 begins with S and then goes home.



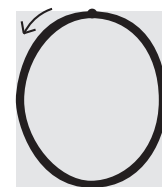
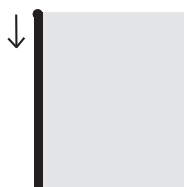
4 starts in the Starting Corner.
 4 makes a Little Line down to the middle.
 4 walks across the dark night.
 4 jumps to the top and says, "I did it." (Big Line down)



9 is so special.
 9 has its own corner.
 9 makes a Little Curve and goes up to the corner.
 9 makes a Big Line down.



5 starts in the Starting Corner.
 5 makes a Little Line down to the middle. It starts to rain.
 5 makes a Little Curve around.
 5 puts a Little Line on top to stop the rain.



10 uses two places.
 1 comes first.
 0 is next.
 0 starts at the top center.
 10 is finished.