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What is Pre Writing Skills

Pre-writing skills lay the foundation for effective handwriting!

DEFINITION

Pre-writing skills are the basic abilities needed to hold a pencil and make marks. These skills help children develop the coordination and control necessary for writing letters and words.

KEY CONCEPTS

Fine Motor Skills

These are small movements involving the hands and fingers, crucial for writing.

Hand-Eye Coordination

This skill helps children align their hand movements with what they see, aiding in writing.

Grip Technique

Holding the pencil correctly is essential for control and comfort while writing.

Drawing Shapes

Practicing shapes like circles and lines helps prepare children for letter formation.

Tracing Activities

Tracing letters and shapes builds confidence and reinforces muscle memory for writing.

EXAMPLES

- Drawing circles and lines in the air.
- Using playdough to form letters.
- Tracing over dotted lines in a workbook.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Think of 'Pencil Power' for grip and control.
- ★ Remember 'Shapes Before Letters' to sequence learning.
- ★ Use 'Trace, Draw, Write' as a practice pattern.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Holding the pencil too tightly, leading to fatigue.
- ✗ Not practicing enough with shapes before letters.
- ✗ Skipping tracing activities, which are essential for muscle memory.

QUICK RECAP

Pre-writing skills are vital for developing handwriting abilities. Focus on fine motor skills, grip, and practice with shapes and tracing to build a strong foundation for writing.