

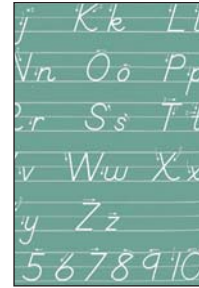
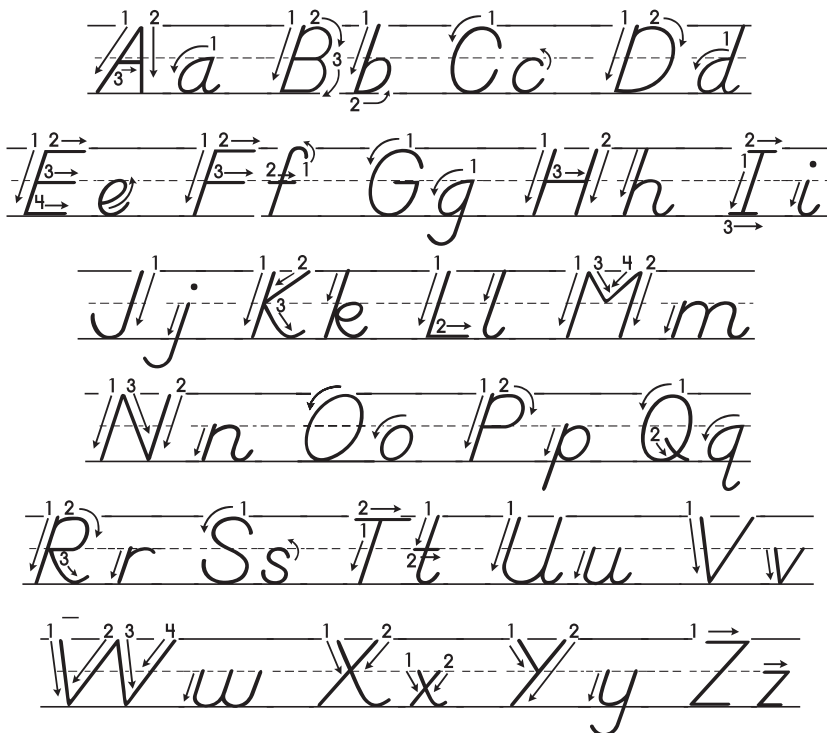


Curriculum:  
**D'Nealian Handwriting**

Research has shown that the cursive handwriting style has proven to be very effective with students as they begin to learn handwriting. D'Nealian Handwriting Style develops the rhythm necessary for the flow of cursive writing.

Over 85% of D'Nealian lower case letters are the same as their cursive version. It utilizes the whole-brain approach to learning by giving children word associations in drill and practice work with simple chants for each letter. Children easily move into cursive writing when ready and have had great success with this component of our curriculum.

As listed below, you can see how children learn D'Nealian handwriting:



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D'Nealian "Chants"

- a - Middle start; around down, close up, down, and a monkey tail.
- d - Middle start; around down, touch, up high, down and a monkey tail.
- o - Middle start; around down, and close up.
- g - Middle start; around down, close up, down under water, and a fishhook.
- c - Start below the middle; curve up, around, down, up and stop.
- e - Start below the middle and bottom, curve up, around, touch, down, up, and stop.
- s - Start below the middle; curve up, around, down and a snake tail.
  
- f - Start below the top; curve up, around, and slant down. Cross
- b - Top start; slant down, around, up, and a tummy.
- l - Top start; slant down, and a monkey tail.
- t - Top start; slant down, and a monkey tail. Cross
- h - Top start; slant down, up over the hill, and a monkey tail.
- k - Top start; slant down, up into a little tummy; and a monkey tail.
  
- i - Middle start; slant down, and a monkey tail. Add a dot.
- u - Middle start; down, around, up, down and a monkey tail.
- w - Middle start; down, around, up, and down, around, up again.
- y - Middle start; down, around, up, down under water, and a fishhook.
- j - Middle start; slant down under water; and a fishhook. Add a dot.
- r - Middle start; slant down, up and a roof
- n - Middle start; slant down, up over the hill, and a monkey tail.
- m - Middle start; slant down, up over the hill, up over the hill again, a monkey tail.
- p - Middle start; slant down under water, up, around and a tummy.
- q - Middle start; around down, close up, down under water and a backwards fishhook.
- v - Middle start; slant down right, slant up right.
- z - Middle start; over right, slant down left, and over right.
- x - Middle start; slant down right, and a monkey tail. Cross down left