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Writing – Physical and Perceptual Supports


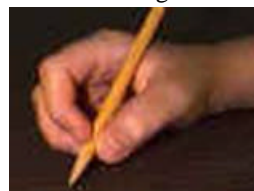

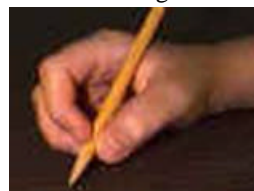

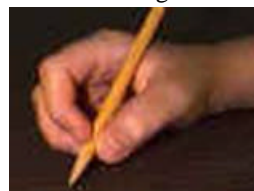



This publication is designed to assist classroom teachers directly but may also be useful to parents, administrators, and others who need to understand the factors — physical, sensory, and cognitive — that impact writing performance.

Technology in this case includes a range of modifications from simple adjustments and changes in instructional strategies, the learning environment, or tasks to technological supports — from adapted pencils to computer solutions.

To download this 39 page booklet - <http://cte.jhu.edu/adaptedpencils.pdf>

Pencil Grippers

	<p>Providing a comfortable grip by shaping the fingers around the gripper, helps to decrease the amount of pressure needed to hold the pencil or crayon, positions the fingers correctly and keeps the web space open</p> <table border="0"><tr><td data-bbox="568 1134 682 1176">This ...</td><td data-bbox="682 976 941 1165"></td><td data-bbox="941 1134 1104 1176">Not this...</td><td data-bbox="1104 976 1364 1165"></td></tr></table>	This ...		Not this...	
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EXTRA!! For some great ideas for supporting hand skill development check out Pocket Full of Therapy Idea Exchange: <http://www.pfot.com/tips.htm#>

Wikki Stix

For Handwriting Skills



Use for prewriting strokes, as well as to practice letter formation. Wikki Stix can also be used to trace prewriting shapes (especially good on laminated paper to be used repeatedly.) Improve hand grasp and stability by wrapping 1/2 of a Wikki around the base of a pencil; also a good reminder to hold it "down low".

Create letters and numbers out of Wikki Stix and have student run his/her fingers over them for tactile input. Use Wikki Stix to make borders when writing, to keep letters on the line, as well as to indicate where to start and stop on the paper. Can also be used to create boxes to keep letters in.

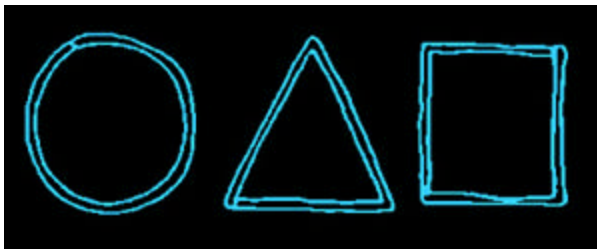
(taken from: <http://wikkistix.com/otuses.htm>)

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For Low Vision

Wikki Stix are an easy way to create tactile graphics, assist with O & M training, map concepts, music lessons, daily living skills and much more. Since they adhere to almost any smooth surface with just fingertip pressure, they are easy to use to provide a raised line effect.

Shapes:



Demonstrate basic shapes by forming Wikki Stix into squares, circles, rectangles, etc
(taken from: <http://wikkistix.com/sightimpaired.htm>)