

PENMANSHIP

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A cursive writing program provides penmanship practice while giving students opportunity to improve their skills in phonics, creative writing, reading comprehension, dictionary usage, and reading of charts.

TEXTBOOK: *Cursive Writing Skillbook*

Goal 1: To demonstrate correct position for writing

- 1.1 The student will sit straight in their chairs with feet on the floor.
- 1.2 The student will hold the pencil between the thumb and first finger, resting the pencil on the third finger.
- 1.3 The student will demonstrate the correct slant of the paper, holding the paper with one hand.
- 1.4 The student will write five good penmanship habits.
- 1.5 The left-handed student will have the correct paper placement to prevent the hook-handed position.

Goal 2: To develop the ability to form letters properly

- 2.1 The student will properly form all upper and lower case letters.
- 2.2 The student will correctly copy the vowels using upper and lower case letters.
- 2.3 The student will copy the lower case consonant letters.
- 2.4 The student will trace, copy, and write letter blends.
- 2.5 The student will properly connect cursive letters to form words.

Goal 3: To space words and sentences properly

- 3.1 The student will copy words leaving a two-finger space between each word.
- 3.2 The student will trace over words in a sentence, and write the sentence on the proper line.
- 3.3 The student will copy a given Bible verse using correct lines and spacing for each word.
- 3.4 The student will copy a given poem using the correct spacing between words and sentences.
- 3.5 The student will copy a given list of spelling words in rows across a page of notebook paper.

Goal 4: To write with reasonable speed a well-spaced paper with defined margins and indentation

- 4.1 The student will properly write a given Bible verse within five minutes.
- 4.2 The student will practice correct indentation.

- 4.3 The student will practice correct spacing for legible handwriting.
- 4.4 The student will choose five spelling words to use in sentences practicing correct spacing.
- 4.5 The student will copy a brief paragraph applying proper writing skills.

TEACHING METHODS: Direct instruction, modeling, practice