



Dear Parents,

Many children in kindergarten are already printing letters or are showing great interest in this activity. To prevent the formation of bad habits, I am sending home some guidelines and a chart that correlates with the writing program in our school.

—All letters and numerals start at the top and come down—young children tend to start at the bottom.

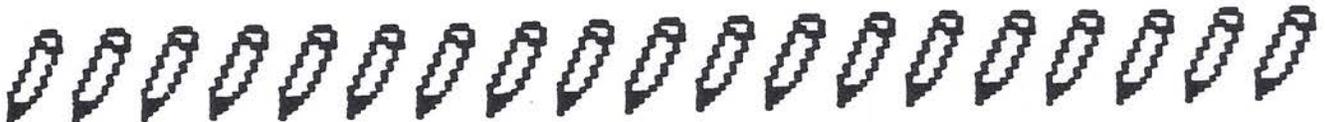
—Lower case letters are the most difficult to master, especially in size relationships.

—Children should begin printing on unlined paper. They will progress to lined paper as they develop control and coordination.

Just a reminder. Printing requires many skills that develop only with age. It is not expected of all kindergarten children and should not be forced. If your child has difficulty or is not interested, put it aside as he is probably not ready.

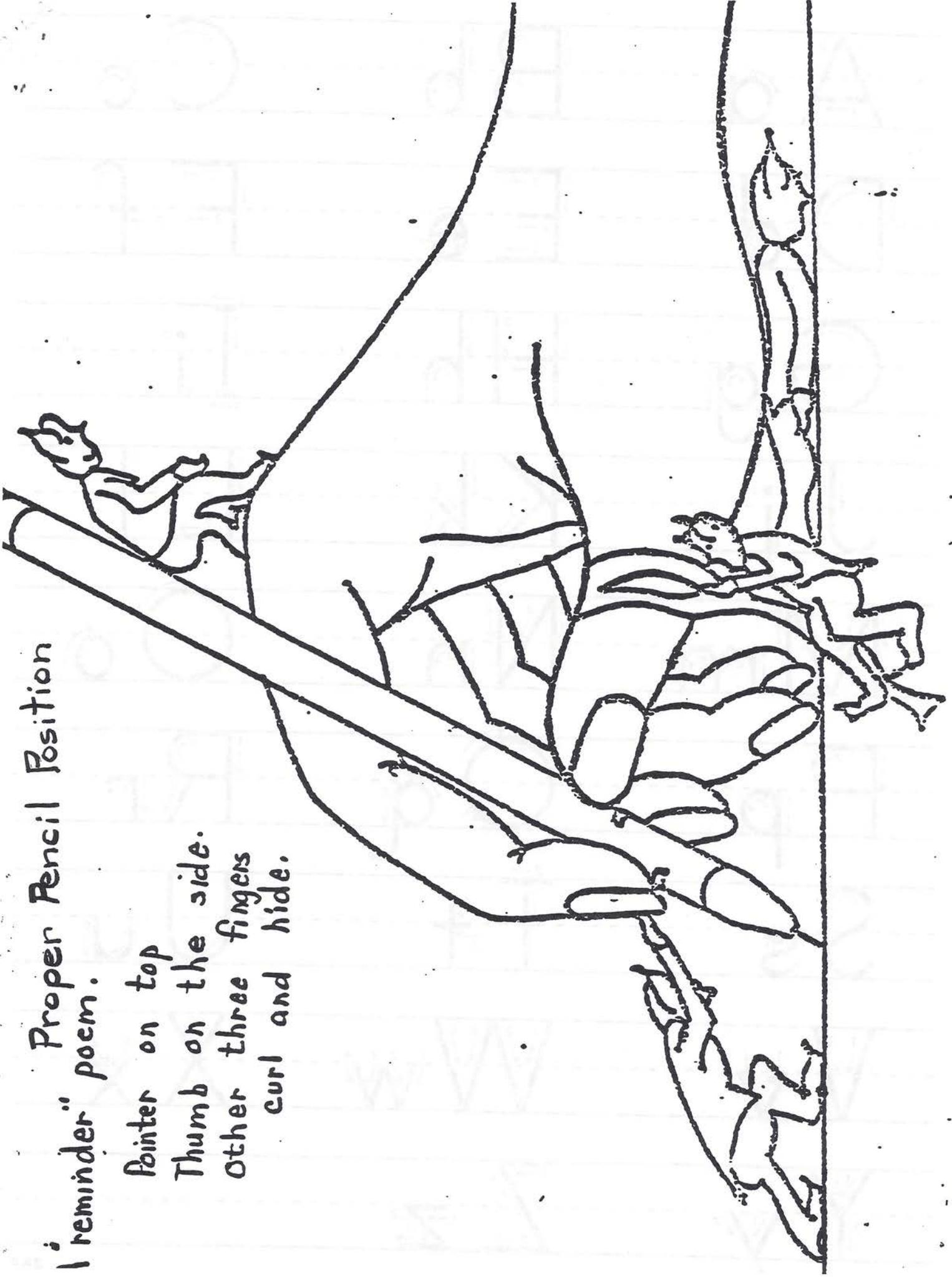
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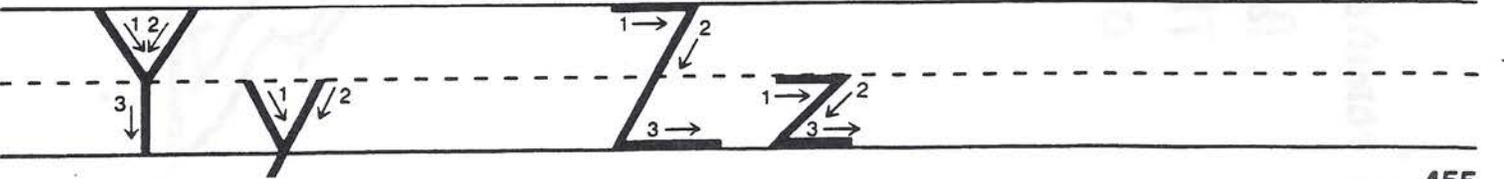
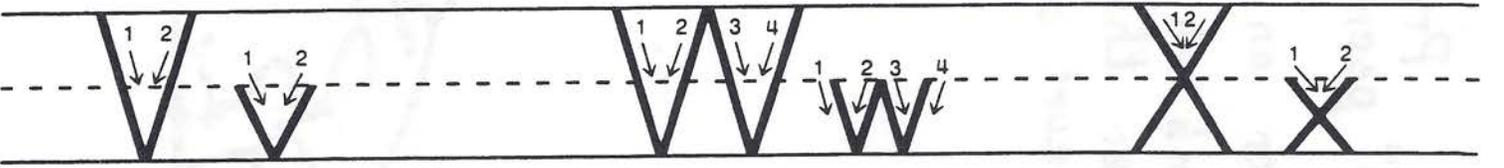
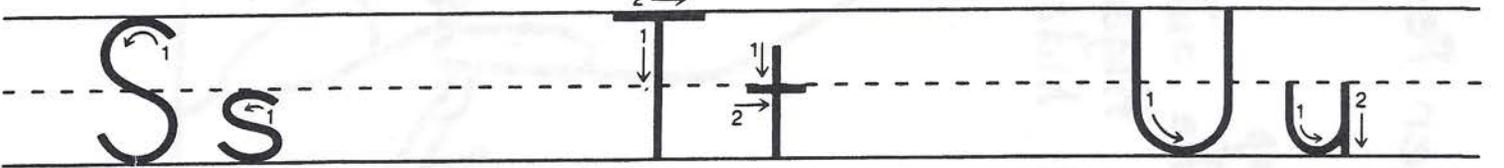
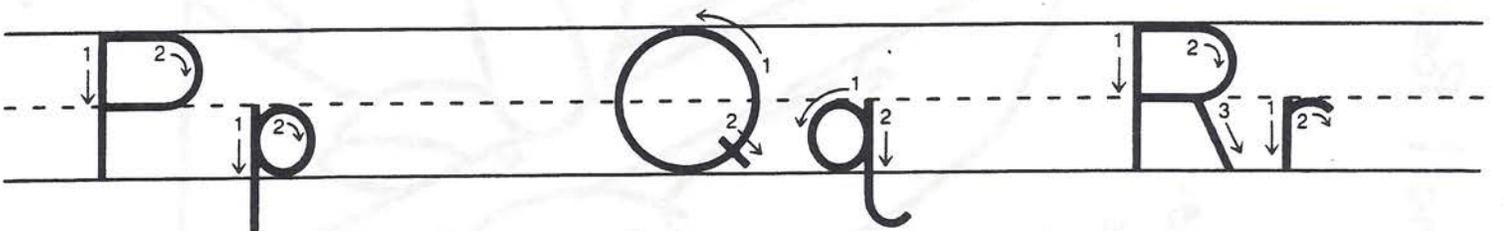
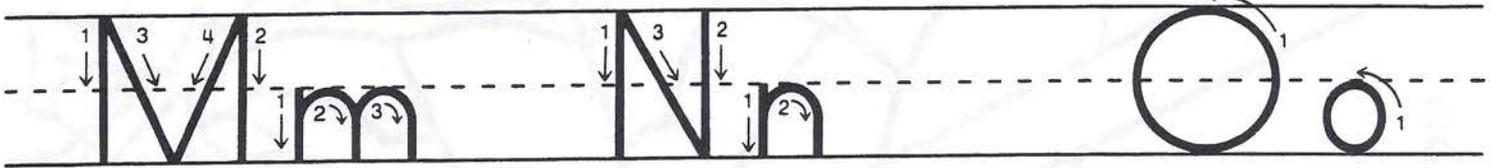
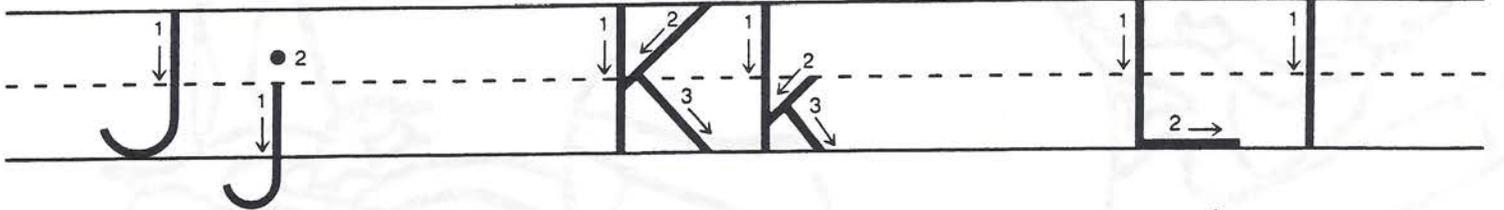
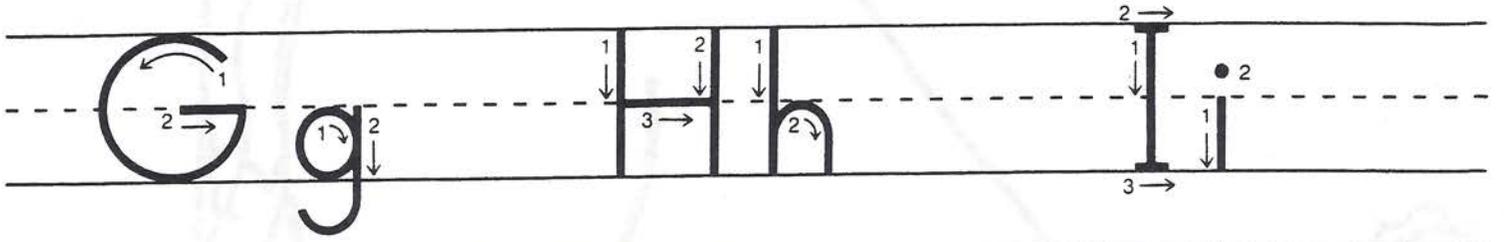
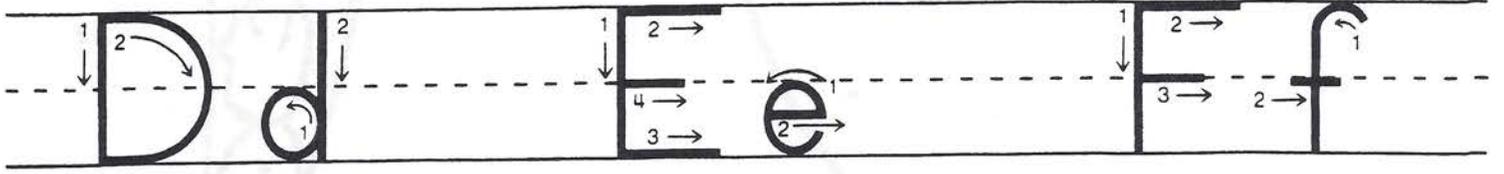
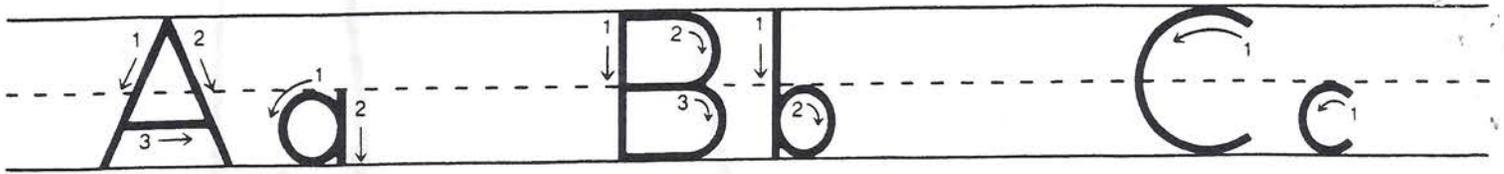
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Proper Pencil Position  
"reminder" poem.

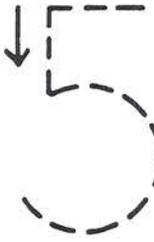
Pointer on top.  
Thumb on the side.  
Other three fingers  
curl and hide.





# NUMBER POEMS

Cut out each of the squares below. Put them together to make a number book. Trace over the numbers and learn the poem for each one. Practice writing your numbers with the poems.

<p>My Number Book by</p> <hr/>	 <p>Around we go!</p>	 <p>One is fun!</p>
 <p>Around and back on a railroad track! 2-2-2-2</p>	 <p>Around a tree and around a tree, that's the way to make a three.</p>	 <p>Down and over and down some more, that's the way to make a four.</p>
 <p>Fat old five goes down and around. Put a hat on top and see what you've found!</p>	 <p>Roll a hoop and make a loop.</p>	 <p>Across the sky and down from heaven, that's the way to make a seven.</p>
 <p>We make an "S" but do not wait, go back up and close the gate.</p>	 <p>A hoop and a line, that makes a nine.</p>	<p>The End</p>