

Expanding the Handwriting Toolkit

Guide your young learners toward greater mastery of a key building block of communication: handwriting. Handwriting 2 continues developing handwriting fluency in PreCursive and introduces cursive writing, which has been linked to reading comprehension and is deemed mandatory instruction in a growing number of states. Students will be able to match letters to uppercase and lowercase counterparts along with PreCursive and cursive counterparts, write legibly, demonstrate good posture, read cursive writing, and write in both PreCursive and cursive with rhythm and speed.

How We Teach It

Guidance and Modeling

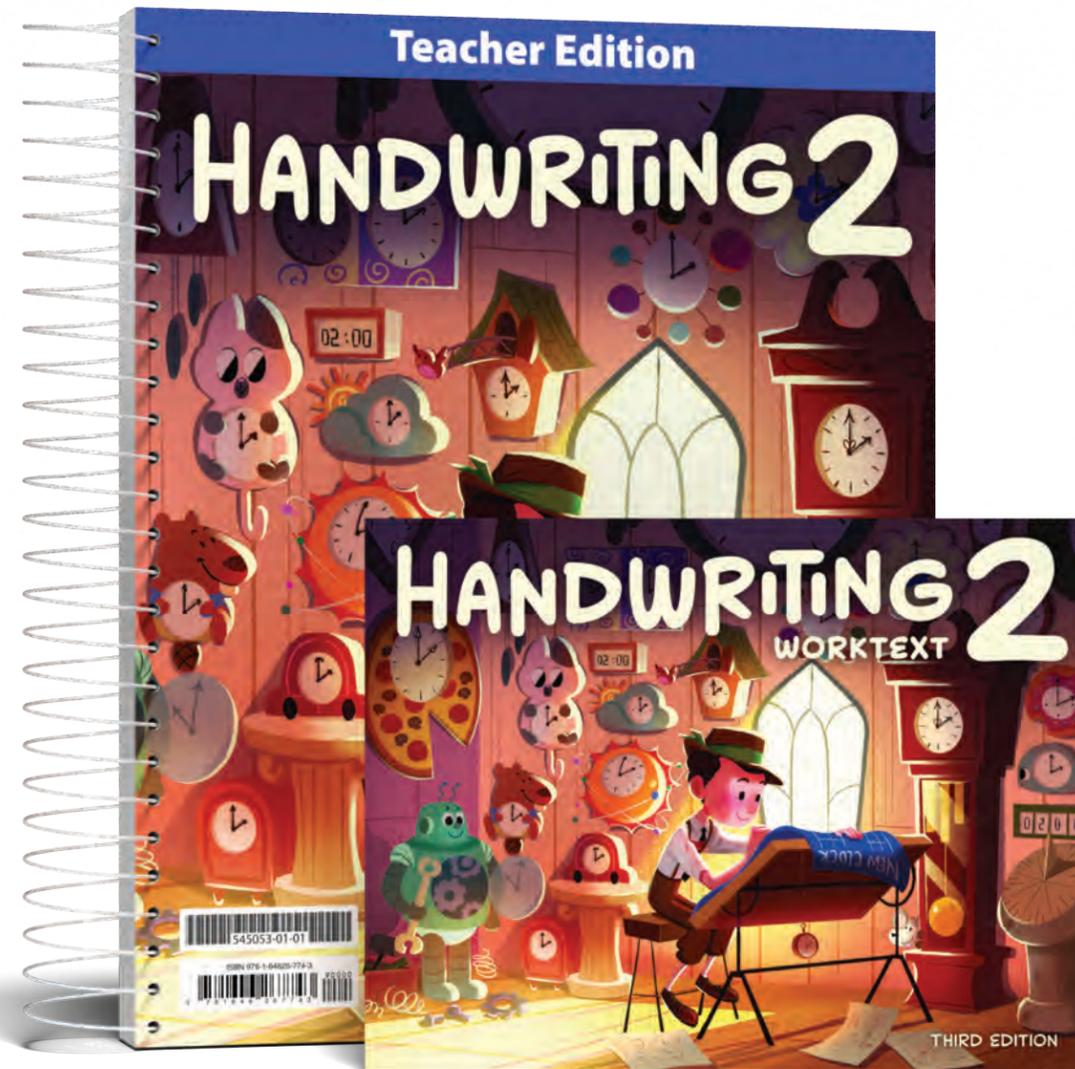
Handwriting is tactile, experiential: it must be shown, not simply taught. As students expand their handwriting toolkit, continual opportunities arise to model proper writing posture, letter shape, slant, proportion, and more. Students will also be guided to understand the connection between PreCursive characters and their cursive counterparts.

Reinforcement and Sequential Instruction

Students will build on the concepts established in Handwriting 1, continuing to write legibly and with good technique in PreCursive. On this foundation students will learn to write in cursive and continue in vocabulary development. They will also apply these writing skills in various subject areas.

Purposeful Practice

Systematic, purposeful practice helps students develop good handwriting and letter mastery along with the physical motor control and muscle memory needed to write consistently with rhythm and speed. For both PreCursive and cursive, the course focuses on legibility and consistency rather than precise imitation.



Materials

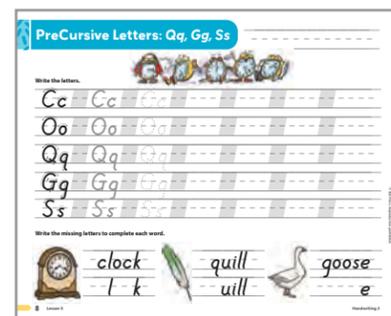
Student Worktext

The student worktext pages provide opportunities for both teacher-guided and independent practice in reading and writing in PreCursive and cursive. Students will consistently review character formation, joining strokes, and correct letter slant and size, and teachers will regularly assess student progress.

Teacher Edition

The teacher edition provides teaching tips and lesson instructions, guidance for teacher modeling, and formative assessment evaluation forms.

Letter & Word Practice



Learning Cursive

