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Blank Children's Hospital Pediatric Therapy Services Summer Handwriting Camp



The Summer Handwriting Camps at Blank Pediatric Therapy have been designed to help your child improve his/her fine motor skills and writing through fun and engaging activities.

- Is your child getting ready to start school and you are unable to recognize any of their letters?
- Does your child avoid coloring or handwriting activities?
- Do you have difficulty reading what they have written on their artwork or homework?
- Does your child hold their pencil differently, making it difficult for them to be successful at writing?

Registration

Online registration only. To register, visit blankchildrens.org/classes and select Kids.

Fee:

\$300 - Early registration before May 27, 2017

\$320 - Registration after May 27, 2017

The camp fee includes cost of materials. This is not a covered insurance benefit, and your health insurance will not be billed.

***Camp will not run the week of July 4. No refunds will be offered for any missed sessions.*

***A minimum number of participants is required to hold the class. Should we need to cancel, we will notify you by phone or email.*

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CAMP DATES

June 12 - August 11



The Summer Handwriting Camp is an 8-week program focusing on improving your child's pre-writing skills (ie. shape formation, beginning letter formation) and handwriting skills. Blank Pediatric Therapy Services will offer three separate camps directed toward the skills of both younger and older children. Each weekly session will be 60 minutes.

Handwriting camp will use a variety of activities to help prepare your child's mind and body for success with handwriting tasks. The Handwriting Without Tears curriculum will be used as a basis of our camps. This curriculum uses a multi-sensory approach to handwriting which helps your child's writing become easier and more natural.

Handwriting Camp 101

Children will be in a group up to six children led by an Occupational Therapist. Program material will be individualized for your child. Sessions will be held at the West Des Moines Blank Pediatric Therapy site.

Beginner Handwriting Camp (pre-K to K)

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays (6/12-8/11)

Sessions will focus on body awareness and pre-writing skills such as drawing shapes and figures. Beginning letter and number formation will also be addressed. Additional activities include targeting your child's fine motor skills, hand strength and hand dominance.

Handwriting Camp (1st-2nd grade)

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays (6/12-8/11)

Sessions will focus on correct letter formation, eliminating letter reversals and correct sizing of letters. Additional activities include targeting your child's fine motor skills, hand strength and holding their pencil correctly to make writing easier.

Handwriting Camp (3rd-5th grade)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Thursdays (6/12-8/11)

Sessions will focus on correct letter formation, eliminating letter reversals, correct sizing of letters and letter placement on a line. Overall neatness will also be addressed. Additional activities include targeting fine motor skills and hand strength.

**An additional camp may be offered if there is interest to address cursive handwriting.*