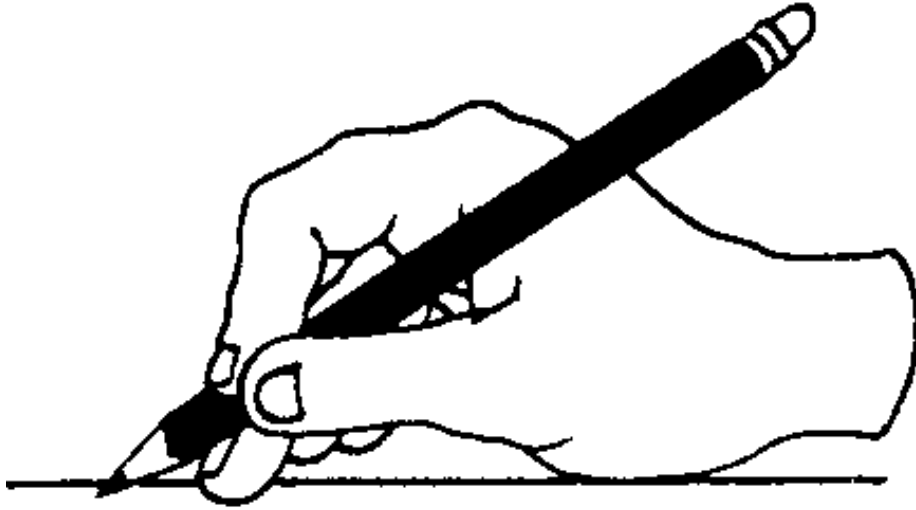


Grasp

What a Good Grasp Looks Like: (Dynamic Tripod Grasp)



What if my student's grasp is poor, and looks like this:



Poor pencil grasp can occur for a variety of reasons. At times, it is developmentally related. A preschooler or kindergartner is not expected to have a mature grasp pattern. Other times, it is related to fine motor control and strength.

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What can you do?

-Provide pencil grips that help to mold the tripod grasp pattern.

Stetro Grip- Sam's Club, Amazon



The Pencil Grip-www.thepencilgrip.com



Tri-Go Grips –www.therapysnoppe.com



The Start Right Grip-www.otideas.com



Many other grips can be bought at Walmart, etc.

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What can you do?

-Use small pencils

-Wrap hair band around wrist and pencil, or use **Handiwriter** (in picture below)—can be ordered from: www.amazon.com



- Hold small koosh ball in ring and pinky finger to make sure they don't use those fingers when writing
- Use fine motor activities to build dexterity, strength, and control of small muscles on the hand.
- Place a picture of appropriate grasp on student's desk
- Use a slanted work surface (3 ring binder)