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Cursive First!
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Recommended Reading

How to Tutor

By Samuel L. Blumenfeld

The Paradigm Company, Boise, Idaho

208-322-4440

Also available on Amazon.com

Part Three of this book is devoted to the most neglected of the three R's, Writing. The reasons for teaching cursive first are explained in an introductory essay. Very simply put, cursive should be taught first because if you do so, your child will become a good cursive writer and can learn to print later on very well. However, if you teach print-script first, your child may never develop a good cursive handwriting because of the habits acquired in printing for the first two years. These habits most often create obstacles to the development of a good cursive handwriting.

Homeschooling: A Parents Guide to Teaching Children

By Samuel L. Blumenfeld

Carol Publishing Group

Available in bookstores and on Amazon.com

Chapter Five of this book is devoted to Teaching Writing, in which the author explains why it is important to teach Cursive First. Most parents are unaware that the concept of cursive first is not new. It was the way children were taught to write back in the 1930's and 40's when the primary and elementary schools taught penmanship. Restoring a respect for penmanship—the development of a good cursive handwriting—ought to be the goal of every homeschooling parent. In fact, cursive writing helps a child learn to read.

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