



Does your child easily become frustrated with written work?

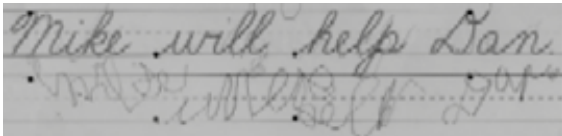
Does your child work hard at writing, and it still looks sloppy?

Can your child write neatly, but it requires extra time and makes their hand tired?

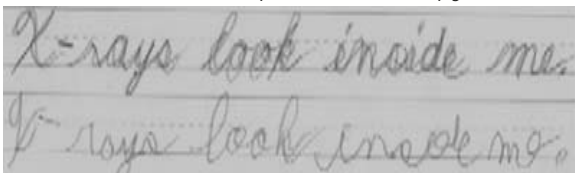
## Dysgraphia

Could be the cause.

Before Occupational Therapy



After Occupational Therapy



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# Dysgraphia

## Dysgraphia: How Does This Affect My Child?

Dysgraphia is an actual neurological disorder characterized by writing disabilities.. These students tend to struggle to produce neat, organized, expressive written work. Children may or may not have any accompanying physical or cognitive limitations. The cause of dysgraphia is unknown. Dysgraphia is labeled as a learning disorder similar to dyslexia or dyscalcula. Dysgraphia is often confused with dyslexia, but the signs and symptoms are limited to handwriting.




## Signs & Symptoms

-  General writing is not legible (despite appropriate attention to task)
-  Inconsistencies in writing print/cursive, upper or lower case, irregular size, shape and slant of letters
-  Frequently omits words
-  Inability to stay within the margins on paper
-  Poor spacing
-  Slow writing (even if legible)
-  Normal language skills

Other deficits may exist in conjunction with dysgraphia.. These may or may not include poor body awareness, poor balance, & coordination,, decreased endurance and strength.

## How Occupational Therapy Can Help

Occupational Therapy (OT) can effectively treat dysgraphia through accommodation, modification and remediation. These can be implemented at home and in the school system. By utilizing these three methods, OT can educate the parents, teachers and the child to reduce the signs of dysgraphia; therefore, reducing the psychological, educational and social impacts of this disorder. OT can also effectively treat other conditions associated with dysgraphia utilizing fun & exciting treatment techniques that each child will love to participate in.



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