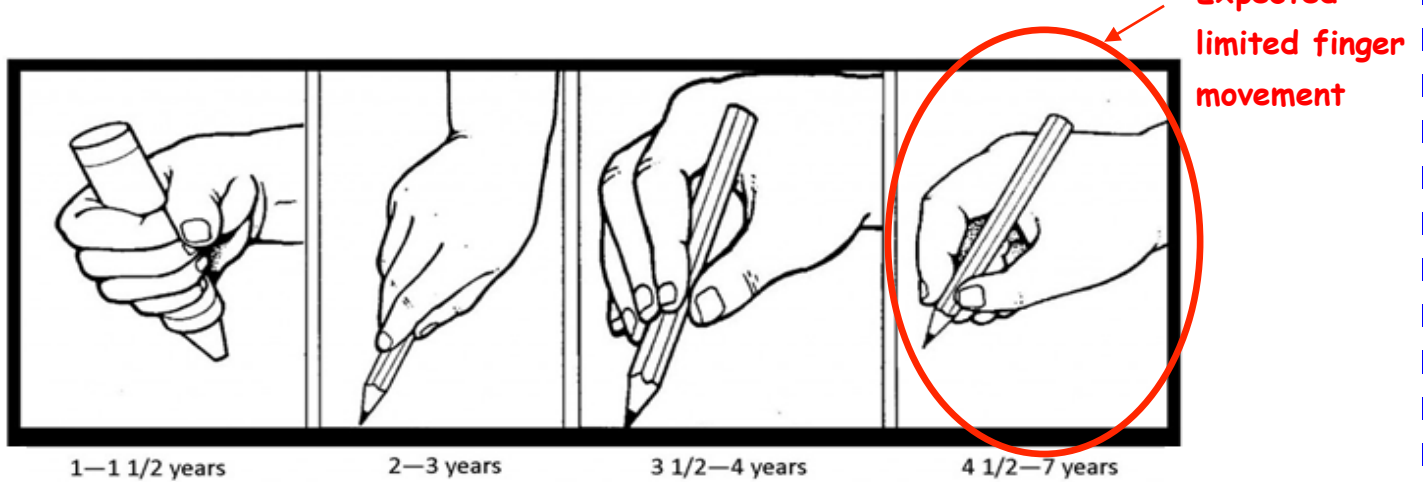




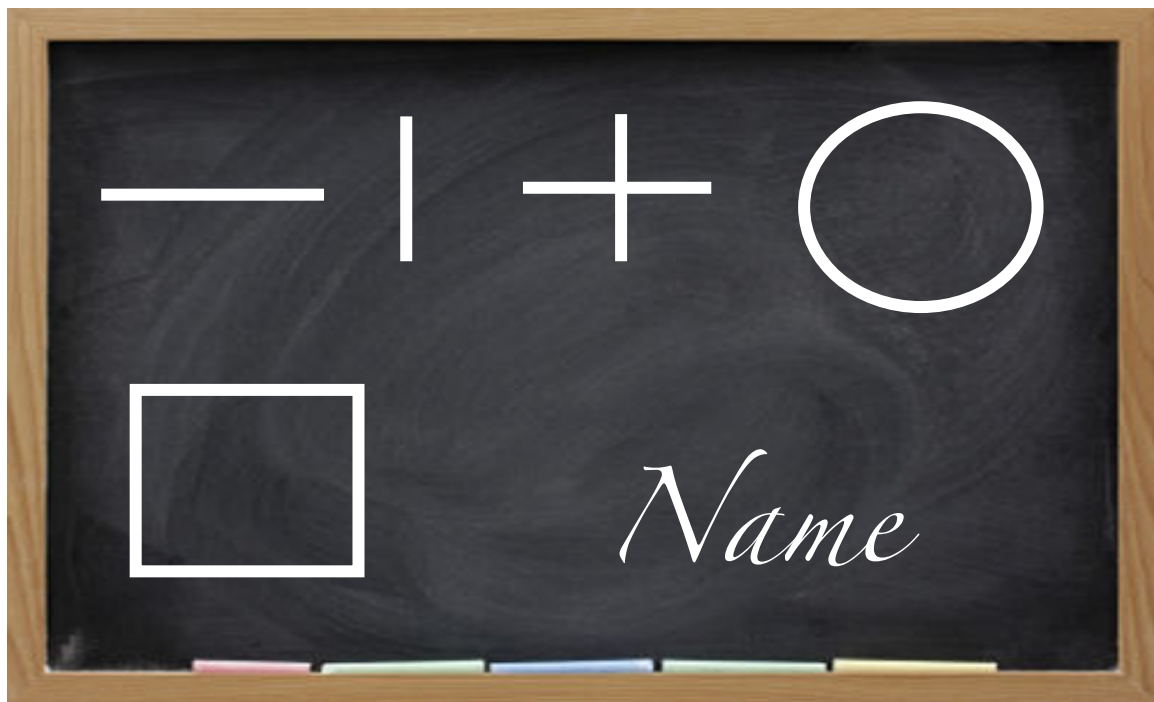
MACARTHUR CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL CLINIC

School Readiness: Pencil Skills

Learning to hold a pencil is a progression. A static tripod grip (or similar) is expected when starting school. This grip will become more dynamic as your child develops at school. The pencil grip development progression is as follows:



This grip promotes the development of pencil control. Pencil control develops with the production of linear and circular scribble and then into the pre writing shapes (as depicted below). This control is in preparation for learning to handwrite.



Having an earlier pencil grasp or delayed pre writing shape development may impact your child's learning of writing at school.