



**Unique programs**

**Professional delivery**

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**Specialized**

The programs are specifically designed to enhance fine motor and handwriting skills of children aged 4-10

**Flexible**

Delivered in a private or semi-private format with multiple schedule options, your child can receive individual attention or participate in a program with a friend

**Proven**

Join numerous parents who have seen first hand how the programs helped their children perform better at home and at school

**Play-based**

The majority of program activities are play-based and combine a wide variety of creative techniques to reach the desired goals

**Fun**

The programs are delivered in a comfortable setting and in a fun atmosphere, highly appropriate for the summer break

**Introduction**

With the school year soon coming to a close, registration is now open for these unique summer programs, carefully designed to prepare Kindergarten students for Grade 1 and assist higher grade students solidify some of the hard earned skills they have obtained at school. It's not a secret that as our children grow and progress through the classes, the demands at school - private and public alike - grow at an accelerating pace. Any child facing even mild challenges in the classroom can potentially develop a performance gap which may lead to frustration or other emotional and social issues. Consider this summer an excellent opportunity to help your child prepare for next year in a fun and engaging way and register him (or her) together with a friend today!

**Three programs options for your child:**

- 1 Kindergarten Readiness.** Designed for children in their pre-kindergarten year, this program focuses on the underlying sensorimotor skills of handwriting.
- 2 Grade One Readiness.** Intended for children who are currently attending kindergarten and struggling with printing and fine motor tasks.
- 3 "Writing Right" Handwriting Skills.** Structured program for improving handwriting legibility and speed (printing or cursive writing) for children in Grade 1 and up.

Programs are customized to the needs of participating children and include activities focused on the following areas:

Foundation Skills	Handwriting Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper body strength</li> <li>• Fine motor skills (drawing, scissoring)</li> <li>• Visual-motor coordination</li> <li>• In-hand manipulation (of small objects)</li> <li>• Visual-spatial perception</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pencil grasp</li> <li>• Printing skills (multisensory approach)</li> <li>• Letter formation</li> <li>• Sizing and alignment of letters</li> <li>• Spacing between letters and words</li> </ul>

**Program format, schedule and registration**

- Sessions** 50 minutes long including debrief and guidance for parents after each session.
- Schedules** 8 sessions (morning or afternoon) every Monday and Wednesday during a four-week period (July or August)
- Registration** 1. Contact KidSkills for more information and to reserve your spot.  
2. Submit registration form (found on [www.KidSkills.ca/programs](http://www.KidSkills.ca/programs)).

**What parents are saying**

My son has recently completed the pre-writing skills [Kindergarten readiness] program and the progress I have seen is remarkable... By targeting his specific needs in a fun manner, my son was able to strengthen relevant muscles that are pertinent to fine motor development... My son's level of confidence regarding printing, colouring and tackling challenging problems has soared... As children get older the level of "I can't, this is too hard!" tends to increase. This program helps children work on improving their skills, before they get to the "I can't" stage.

W. J., mother, Vancouver

