Beginning Manuscript Traditional Style

Sailing through Handwriting Series

Grades PreK-2

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Learning Expectations

The students will:

- Develop skill in printing lowercase and uppercase letters and numerals within the appropriate spacing and between the correct lines on a page in the Zaner-Blozer* (traditional) style
- Associate parts of letters and numerals with sections of a sailboat image in order to learn which part of the letter/ numeral goes where
- Use dots provided on the page to develop their awareness of appropriate spacing between letters and numerals
- Develop vocabulary
- Further develop their fine motor abilities by exploring creative "extension" activities in class or at home

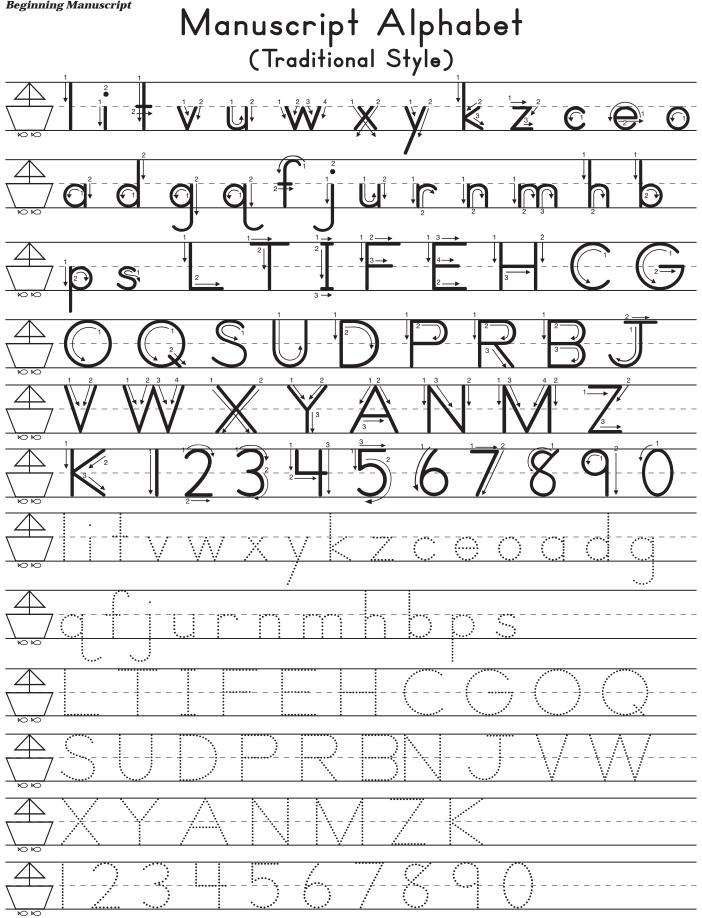
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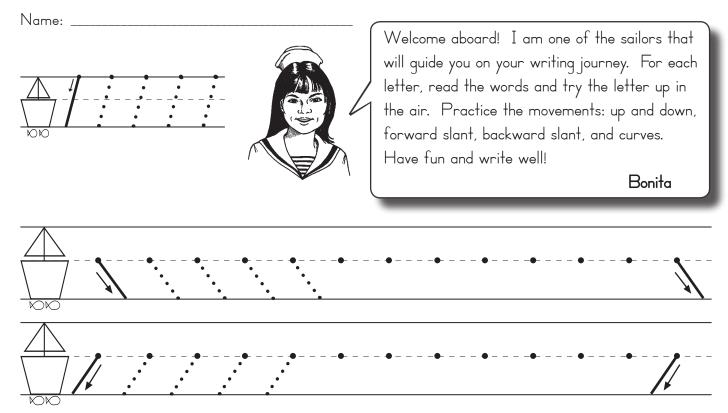
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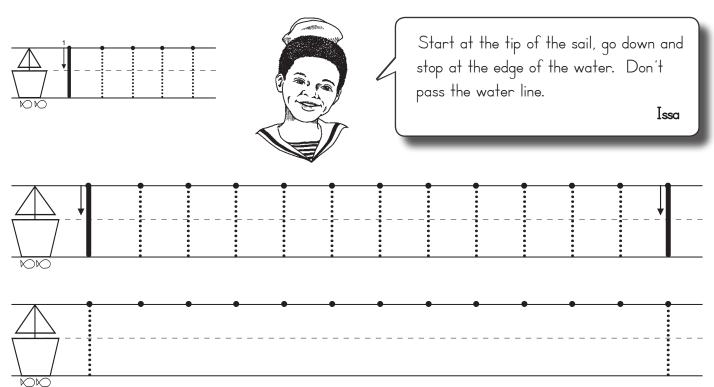


Draw the words in the boxes below.



Extension Activity: Have the children mold, roll, pinch and pull play dough by having their palms facing each other and encourage them to use their fingers.

Name:_



Draw these I words in the boxes below.

lily	lion	ladybug

Extension Activity: Take two, flavored gelatine mixes of different colors. Empty each package of gelatine in a bowl and add just enough water to wet the powder, but not enough to dissolve it. Try to make it into a gel. Allow the children to finger paint with one color at a time. The room will smell nice and no worries about licking fingers.