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Here are some tips for helping children use the correct pencil grip.

Pom Pom - Give children a pom pom or cotton ball to hold in their hand when they write. Demonstrate how to put pinky and ring man to “sleep” on the pom pom pillow before picking up the pencil.

Bird's Beak - Point the pencil away from you. Make a bird's beak by opening and closing your index finger and thumb. Use your beak to pick up the point of the pencil and then flip it back.

Finger Family – When you hold the pencil correctly mom and dad (thumb and index finger) will be in the front seat and the kids (middle, ring, pinky fingers) will be in the back.

Writing Bracelet - String a bead or jingle bell to a piece of yarn or string to make a bracelet. Make it loose enough so it can slide easily on and off a child's wrist. While writing the child wears the bracelet and holds the bead in her hand.



Pencil Grip - You can purchase pencil grips or simply wrap a rubber band several times around the end of a pencil.

Where Is Pointer? Sing this song to the tune of
“Where Is Thumbkin?”

Where is Pointer?
On the top.
Ready to write.
Start at the top.

Where is Thumbkin?
On the side.
Ready to help
Your pencil glide.

Where is Tallman?
On the bottom.
Keeps the letters
Where you want ‘em.

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