

**Developmental Strokes**

**PRE- WRITING WORKSHEET**

Developmental strokes are basic drawings that a child should be able to perform before expecting them to write letters (i.e. practicing writing their names). They include, in order of development: a vertical line (2- years), a horizontal line (2 1/2 years), a circle (3 years), a cross (3 1/2 -4 years), a square (4 years), a diagonal line (4 1/2 years), an "X" (4 years- 11 months), a triangle (5 years-1 month). Diagonal strokes are the most difficult, therefore the "X" and the triangle are the last to develop.

The development of these skills can also be encouraged through fun activities such as drawing these shapes in sand or rice, using playdoh or rolled out, and finger painting.

			
			
			
			