

**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 name). They include, in order of development: a vertical line (2- years), a horizontal line, (2 ½ years), a circle (3-years), a cross (3 ½ -4 years), a square (4-years), a diagonal line (4 ½ years), an “X” (4 years- 11 months), a triangle (5 years-3 months). 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 wikki stix, and finger painting.**

			
			
			
			