



Remember when...? – Writing

Description

In handwriting, there are different types: cursive and block are the most common ones. But when children start school, which one do they need to learn?

Grade 1, private

As mentioned in other stories, I started my grade 1 in a private class (it was only ONE class, for grade 1) because I was just too young for the public system. I learned to write in cursive immediately. Was it harder than learning block letters? I don't know but to me, writing was like drawing.

Grade 2, public

As I finished my grade 1 in that private class, I moved to the public school for my second grade. That is when I was shocked to notice that all the other kids used different letters than I did. They had learned to write using block letters. I remember asking the teacher for permission to continue using cursive writing, at least until I could learn the block lettering like all the other kids. She agreed. I think it took me a couple of months to feel comfortable enough with the block writing to start using it constantly.

Grade 3, surprise

By the time, I got to grade 3, I was already as comfortable using block letters as all the other students who started to use it in grade 1. But at that time, everyone got a surprise: grade 3 was the grade where they would teach use how to write... in cursive! Although I struggled a bit in grade 2 because I was not familiar with the handwriting they used, this time, it ended up being very easy for me, while the others struggled with these new habits.

Did you know that in some places, they are considering NOT teaching cursive anymore? What type of handwriting did you learn when you were a kid? Are you still using that style or did you change? Share your story with us in the comments below.

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