

## Course Description

**Course Title:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Penmanship  
**Course Length:** Full Year

**Class Meetings (Per Week):** 20 min. 4 times  
**Textbook:** D’Nealian Handwriting, Book 3  
 Scott Foresman Publishing Co.

**General Course Description:** This course is designed to focus on continuous skill progression in handwriting. It allows for individual styles while focusing on consistency and legibility of letter and word formation. Manuscript writing is thoroughly reviewed, although emphasis is placed on cursive writing as the program develops.

### Biblical Principles:

*God has set the example of writing important things. He has written on tablets of stone and on the tablets of our hearts. “When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.” (Exodus 31:18);*

**“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be My people.” (Jeremiah 31:33)**

*God’s Word was not merely entrusted to oral tradition, it was written carefully for us to study and to make a part of our lives. Careful and excellent writing is pleasing to Him. “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4) Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” (Exodus 34:27)*

*God communicates His truth to men and men pass it on through clear and legible writing. “Write down the vision and make it clear.” (Habakkuk 2:2)*

### General Course Content:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter:

Review of Manuscript (Pages 1-23)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:

Writing lower case cursive letters (Pages 24-50)

Practicing cursive words in special situations (Pages 51-76);

Writing upper case cursive letters (Pages 77-116)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters:

Practice and Review of cursive letters (Pages 117-125)

### Related Student Objectives/Learner Objectives:

The student will learn to:

1. Accurately form upper and lower case manuscript letters
2. Accurately form upper and lower case cursive letters
3. Accurately join cursive letters
4. Accurately adjust size of writing to fit available space
5. Write phrases and sentences using correct spacing
6. Accurately proportion sizes of letters
7. Accurately slant letters in one direction

8. Accurately rest letters on line or drop below the line in correct proportion
9. Identify meaning of each proofreader's mark
10. Accurately use proofreader's marks on uncorrected copy
11. Accurately make corrections on a final copy from proofread paper

**Presentation Method:**

- Comparing and Analyzing Samples
- Demonstration
- Lecture
- Alphabet wall charts

**Evaluation and Grading Methods:**

- Daily class work
- Handwriting samples
- Grading Scale:
  - O = Outstanding
  - S = Satisfactory
  - U = Unsatisfactory
  - E = Exceeds Expectations
  - M = Meets Expectations
  - N = Needs Further Development

**Enrichment and/or Supplemental Activities:**

- Creative writing projects
- Making invitations
- Desk tag cursive
- Using various pencils and lined papers, integrate cursive into language