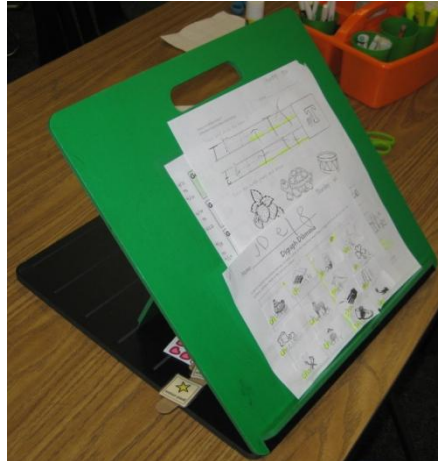




Intervention: Slant board



Description: The slant board is usually made of plastic and elevates work to a slanted position, closer to the student's eye level.

When and why would you use this intervention? The slant board is good for use with children with fine motor difficulties as well as children that have vision deficits. For children with fine motor concerns, the slant board encourages an extended wrist position, which can improve grasp of the pencil or marker and may improve handwriting. For children with vision deficits, the slant board allows for placement of the writing assignment in a better line of vision for the student, helping them to track their hand and the letters. Raising the level of the writing surface can also prevent the eye fatigue associated with looking down.

How do you use this intervention? The slant board tends to work best at 20° upright, but may work at different levels for different students. The slant board should be used during all writing and most desk-based activities.

Expected outcome: The slant board should provide an easier surface for the student to write and should therefore improve handwriting legibility. The slant board also helps posture and alignment, decreasing fatigue, and can help decrease eye strain.

Anticipated problems: One possible issue with using a slant board is that the student may need the assistance of an adult to set it up. Also, the slant board takes up the majority of desk space, displacing other materials that the student may need.