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**Should Kids Learn Cursive Writing?**

For many years, learning to write in cursive was as common as learning to read or add. But recently, many schools have stopped teaching this flowing form of handwriting, also known as script. Some people think that typing is a more important skill to learn than writing in script. They say people spend more time texting and e-mailing than writing by hand. But not everyone wants to write off cursive. Studies show that learning to write in script may improve coordination and critical-thinking skills. Some schools in Tennessee, Missouri, and Ohio are bringing back cursive lessons. Green Primary School in Uniontown, Ohio, is one of them. This fall, for the first time in about 15 years, students there will be taught to write in script. “Children need to know how to sign their names!” says Kimberly Brueck, who works at Green Primary School.

Here’s what two of our readers think

**YES!**

When you learn how to write in cursive, you also learn how to read cursive writing. That’s important if you want to read historical documents written in script, like the Declaration of Independence. Kids should also learn to write in cursive so they can sign their names. There will be times when they will need to sign letters or checks. Also, once you get good at it, writing in cursive is faster than printing.

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**NO!**

Learning cursive in school takes toomuch time away from other subjects,like reading and math, that will be more important laterin life. If kids want to learn cursive, they should learn itin their spare time.Also, people write by hand less than they used to.Instead, we use smartphones and tablets totext and e-mail others. People now evenuse voice memos. There might be a timewhen people don’t have to write at all!

***George Alecci, Texas***