

Cursive writing's advantages for dyslexic learners

1. Improved flow when writing words
2. Natural spacing between words
3. Opportunity to reteach letter formation and correct bad habits
4. Distinct differences between letters that are frequently reversed lessens the frequency of reversals.
5. Cursive offers speed and efficiency not seen in printing
6. Stimulates areas of the brain not affected by keyboarding or printing
<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/memory-medic/201303/what-learning-cursive-does-your-brain>
7. Works fine motor skills
8. Establishes a reason to practice letter formation which leads to another round of letter recognition in 2nd or 3rd grade.
9. Connected letters help students see spelling patterns in words, since they are connecting the letters, not forming them separately.
10. A pride comes from having readable handwriting, and for our dyslexic learners, this legibility is often achieved through cursive because of the extra practice involved in learning the letter formations and connections. The very things that are often used to dismiss cursive from “modern” classrooms are actually the things that make it so beneficial to our students.