

Pencil Stories

Pencil stories are a way to help children develop top to bottom and left-to-right orientation. They're also an engaging way to develop small motor skills. These stories should be told multiple times so children can practice the pre-writing strokes and feel more competent. You might want to do the same story every day for a week as you invite the children to recall what will come next. You could also make a recording of the story to put in a listening center. Demonstrate these stories on the board or a large chart so children will be able to copy what you do.

You can find more about Pencil Stories here:

<https://drjeanandfriends.blogspot.com/2022/08/pencil-stories.html>

Beginners – Autumn Walk

Here's an easy version for the the little ones. Just to get them to go from left to right and make a few strokes would be a good beginning.

An Autumn Walk (More challenging, perhaps for older students)

Let's take an autumn walk. (horizontal)

The leaves are falling down. (vertical)

Ooooo! Do you hear the wind blow? (diagonal)

There's some kids throwing the football. (diagonal other direction)

The crickets are chirping. (X)

The squirrels are digging holes for their nuts. (zig zag line)

The birds are migrating south. (curvy line)

The scarecrows are standing in the fields. (t)

The pumpkins are getting ripe on the vine. (o)

Time to put on sweaters and hats. (triangle)

What a happy time of year! (smiley face)

Autumn Walk

Walk



Leaves



Wind



Pumpkins



Scarecrow



An Autumn Walk



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Walk

Leaves

Wind

Football

Cricket

Squirrels

Birds

Scarecrows

Pumpkins

Hats

Happy