# **Cool Hands**

## Let's get ready to write!

Give your child a helping hand on his/her pre-writing skills with our fun, eight-session summer program!



Who is Eligible to Attend

The group will be held for children ages 5 through 7 who will be entering kindergarten or first grade in August 2017. A copy of the child's IEP/ISP will be required (if applicable) with completed registration form.

### Program

Cool Hands is designed to provide intervention by occupational therapists to small groups in order to develop the underlying or foundational skills needed for learning to write. While the therapists do work on printing of letters, this program is not meant to teach handwriting. Some of the skills that will be addressed may include hand strength, finger and hand dexterity, eye-hand coordination, motor planning and visual scanning. Activities may include games, crafts and small group instruction.

Children who may benefit from the group often have difficulty with some or all of the following skills:

- Copying/forming shapes (visual-motor coordination)
- Printing letters with appropriate letter size, baseline placement, and spacing
- Using both hands to complete a task (bilateral coordination)
- Gripping the pencil with a functional grasp
- Manipulating small objects (in-hand manipulation)

#### When and Where

The class will take place on Mondays and Thursdays June 5 through June 29, 2017, at Easterseals Crossroads main location (52<sup>nd</sup> and Keystone) at 4740 Kingsway Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46205. All eight sessions will be 90 minutes in length from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

#### Other Details

All sessions are provided by occupational therapists. Cost of the eight-session series is \$225 per student; \$100 deposit is required with completed registration form and balance is due on June 5, 2017.

Contact Karen Kelley at kkelley@eastersealscrossroads.org or 317.479.3236 for information.



