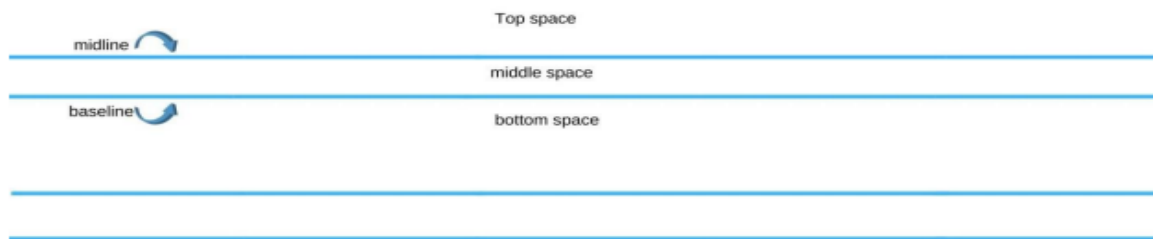


Line orientation

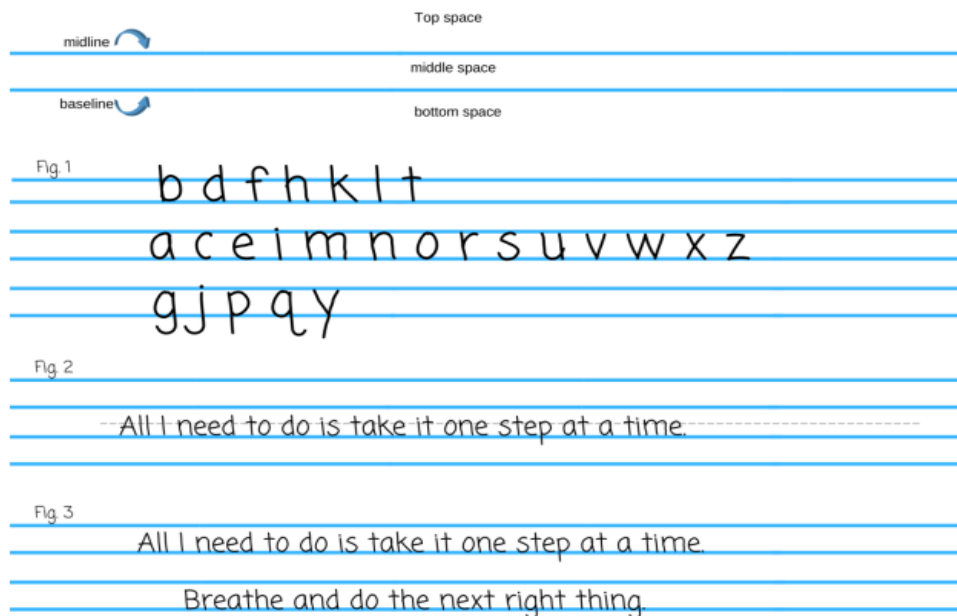
For initial practice, use double-lined paper. Explain all different lines and spaces as shown below.

Purpose of the spaces and lines:

- midline - controls the size of the letters
- baseline - helps guide letter placement
- top space – maximum height and/or starting point for tall letters; should also touch the baseline
- middle space – for small letters or lowercase letter placement; these letters should touch the midline and baseline.
- bottom space – for descending letters; these letters should touch the midline and uses bottom space



Once the child has mastered using the double-lined paper, he/she is ready to use regular-lined paper. Print on the lines skipping one line at a time so it is easier to read



Helpful Links

<https://sites.google.com/view/schoolbasedot/fine-motor/letter-orientation?authuser=0>

<https://sites.google.com/view/schoolbasedot/fine-motor/letter-size?authuser=0>

[TheOTClassroom - Paper for Printing Practice \(google.com\)](#)