



Classroom Signs Your Child May Need Occupational Therapy



OT FOR HANDWRITING

- Difficulty holding pencils in their grasp.
- Difficulty staying in their seat during handwriting time.
- Trouble understanding how to form their letters or simply cannot control their hands.
- A child may appear to be pressing too hard while attempting to write.



OT FOR MOTOR SKILLS

- Child is struggling more than others to button or unbutton their coat, putting on socks &/or shoes, etc.
- Struggles with zipping up coats or closing backpacks
- Difficulty controlling scissors
- Copying notes from the whiteboard



OT FOR SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

- Displaying some eccentric behavior on the playground.
- Running into other children
- Standing at too close to their peers in line.
- Difficulty talking with other children when playing.
- Watching other children on the playground or hesitant to join in.



OT FOR SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER

- Not being able to tolerate certain textures or fabrics/rolling around to feel certain feelings like grass, carpet or sand
- Covering ears or responding negatively to loud sounds
- Not liking to wear shoes or socks
- Poor coordination, clumsiness