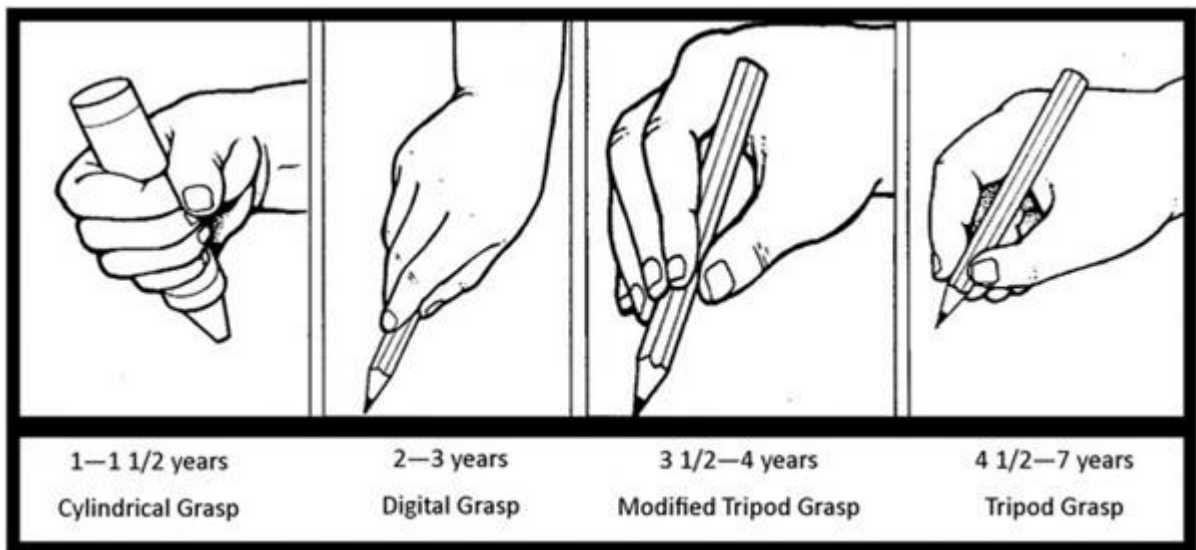


## Fine Motor Skills

**Pencil Grip Development** – Children starting Kindergarten should be working towards a Tripod Grasp.



## **Scissor Grip Development:**

### **Scissor Chant**

Open, shut, Open, shut.  
That's the way we cut, cut, cut.  
Fingers on the bottom, thumb on top.  
Do not let the paper drop.  
Open, shut, open, shut.  
That's the way we cut, cut, cut.



Make sure that the scissors are held in the right way. As the child's fingers are still quite small, the thumb goes through one hole and the middle and index finger through the other hole. Remind children to keep their cutting elbow stable at their side and use their other hand to move the paper when cutting.

### **What about my left-handed child?**

Left-handed children should **always** cut with their left hand, using **left-handed scissors**. This is important as it helps them to make their dominant hand strong and specialised. Left handed scissors are vital to enabling them to cut successfully.