

## Holding a Pencil

There are physical differences in children's hands and fingers which cause some variation in the way children hold a pencil. In general, however, they should hold the pencil between the thumb and forefinger with the middle finger supporting the pencil from below. This makes a "three-point" grip.

*The correct method of holding pen or pencil*

The angle of the pencil to the paper should be about forty-five degrees. A steeper angle usually indicates that the pencil is incorrectly held. Left-handed children may need special help to learn an appropriate grip.

