SLATE AND STYLUS

One of the main reasons to learn the dot numbers required for each letter in Braille is because knowing such dot numbers helps tremendously when creating Braille using a slate and stylus. When creating Braille on the slate and stylus, one must poke dots through the paper to write the word or sentence. Then, the paper is turned over and read the customary method (from the left to the right). Therefore, the writing must be done from the right to the left in order to read it from the left to the right.

Keep in mind there is still a Braille cell. However, the dots are switched within the cell when writing. When reading, dots 1, 2 and 3 are on the left. When writing using a slate and stylus, dots 1, 2, and 3 are on the right. When reading, dots 4, 5, and 6 are on the right. When writing using a slate and stylus, dots 4, 5, and 6 are now on the left. See the examples below:

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DOT 1	DOT 4	DOT 4	DOT 1
DOT 2	DOT 5	DOT 5	DOT 2
DOT 3	DOT 6	DOT 6	DOT 3

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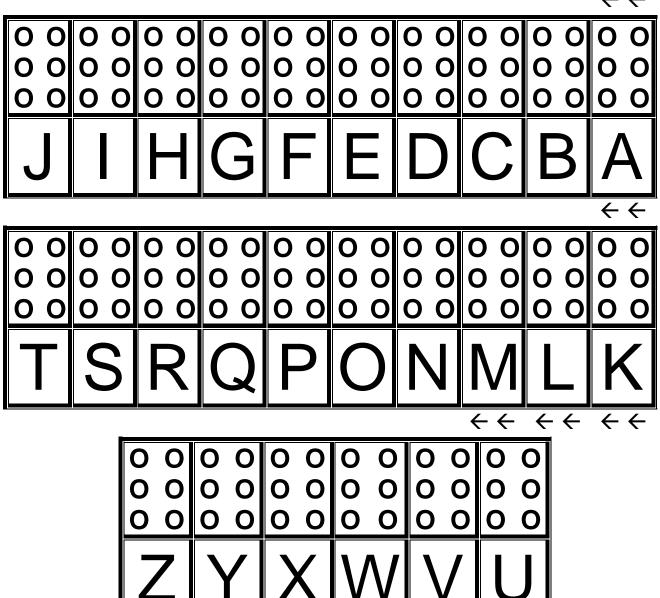
As you may notice, knowing the dot numbers for each letter can help create the letters correctly and quickly.

ANOTHER ACTIVITY: After completing Fun Sheet #25, do Fun Sheets #21 and #22 as if writing using a slate and stylus

- Color in the correct Braille dots as if you were creating the printed letters using a <u>slate and stylus</u>. Be sure to write from the right and work towards the left.
- 2. When you are finished, hold the paper in front of a mirror to check your work.

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Answer the questions by coloring in the correct Braille dots for each letter. Then write the print letter under each Braille letter.

1. What is your name?

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2. Where do you live?

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3. What is the name of one of your friends?

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Write a note to a friend by filling out the Braille dots. Then have your friend write the print letters under each Braille letter. Check to see if your friend is correct.

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