Do you agree or disagree with the statement below?

It is important for all students to learn and use proper cursive handwriting.

State your opinion and use details to support your point of view.
Cursive Handwriting

Draw a picture to supplement your persuasive essay.
Recommendations for Lesson:

Before presenting this persuasive writing prompt to students, you may choose to have a class discussion to present both sides of the issue.

Arguments in favor of teaching cursive in schools might include:
- Cursive handwriting looks more “grown-up.”
- Once learned properly, writing in cursive handwriting is usually faster than printing.
- Students should learn cursive so they can read cursive documents. Not being able to read cursive handwriting could put someone at a disadvantage in life.
- If people don't learn cursive, they won't be able to sign their name.

Arguments in against of teaching cursive in schools might include:
- Most people don't write in cursive any more.
- More and more things are typed, eliminating the need for cursive.
- There are many different version of cursive, which can make it confusing to read.
- Cursive handwriting is more difficult to read than printing for most people.
- Classroom time that is spent learning cursive could be better spent doing other things.

When writing their persuasive essays, students should be encouraged to include a topic sentence (or topic paragraph) stating their opinion, followed by persuasive details to support their point of view. Writers can also acknowledge the opinions of those who might have a different view, and follow up with an argument to make their case.