

Smile Zemi Introduces Handwriting Feature to Help Young Learners Build Spelling and Literacy Skills

The new feature combines listening and handwriting exercises to help elementary students connect sounds, letters and words.

TORRANCE, CA, UNITED STATES, August 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Learning to spell takes more than recognizing the right answer. Beginning Aug. 20, [Smile Zemi](#) is giving young learners a new way to practice by combining listening with handwriting in its U.S. "Word Study" program.

JUSTSYSTEMS CORPORATION announced a new feature for elementary school students, allowing children to hear a word and write by hand directly on Smile Zemi's dedicated tablet. By pairing spoken words with handwriting, the feature gives children another way to practice the connection between sounds, letters and spelling and ultimately increase their vocabulary.

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Smile Zemi's new features focuses on listening, writing and spelling to reinforce learning.

Handwriting Into Digital Learning

Research into handwriting and learning shows the physical act of forming letters engages motor and language processes differently from typing or tapping on a screen.

“As a former teacher, I've seen how important it is for children to do more than recognize the right answer, they need opportunities to work through it themselves,” said Fusa Terao, Senior Expert at JustSystems, developer of Smile Zemi. “When a child hears a word and then writes it

by hand, they're bringing together listening, spelling and the physical act of forming letters. That kind of active practice can help make what they're learning stick."

A Tablet Designed for Handwriting
Smile Zemi's dedicated tablet and digitizer pen are designed to replicate the ease of writing with pencil and paper while retaining the benefits of a digital learning platform.

Palm rejection allows children to rest their hands naturally on the screen while they write, rather than holding their hands above the tablet. High-precision pen input provides responsive writing as children form individual letters and words on the screen.

Parents Can See More Than a Score

The handwritten words children produce during lessons are automatically saved and can be reviewed on the tablet.

Instead of just seeing whether an answer was correct or not, parents can review what their child actually wrote. This gives families a clearer view of a child's work and progress and creates opportunities to recognize improvement and provide encouragement at home.

About Smile Zemi

Smile Zemi is a tablet-based home learning program developed by JUSTSYSTEMS CORPORATION. Launched in Japan in 2012, the program serves preschool through high school students and combines handwriting-based learning with interactive digital instruction. Smile Zemi launched its U.S. Home Learning Service for preschool and elementary school students in 2023. Students use a dedicated tablet and digitizer pen to complete lessons and practice writing directly on the screen.

JUSTSYSTEMS CORPORATION is headquartered in Minato-ku, Tokyo, and is led by President and CEO Kyotaro Sekinada.

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