

Remember When

Remember fourth grade when we learned to write with ink?

We had a pen, pen holder, pen wipe, blotter, and ink.

We put the pen into its holder. Opening the bottle of ink that was in an inkwell in the right hand corner of the desk. We dipped the pen into the ink, carefully rubbing the pen against the ink bottle to remove excess ink, not too hard you may split the pen and then you'd have a scratchy mess on your paper, not too lightly or you'd have too much ink and your paper would be spoiled by ugly blots of ink.

Now we were ready to write. A line of writing and we blotted our work.

When we were through we carefully wiped the pen point with our pen wipe as we didn't want the ink to dry and spoil our pen.

Writing with ink was a learned skill.

I am happy to be writing with a ball point pen but I can't help looking back and remembering when we used pen and ink.