Steps to Holding Scissors

1. Position the hands with the thumbs up (the position used when shaking hands).
2. Place the thumb in the top loop (keep the handle at the 1st finger joint furthest from the palm).
3. Place the index finger under the lower blade to help stabilize the scissors.
4. Place the middle finger in the bottom loop.
5. Curl the ring and little fingers into the palm unless the bottom loop is large enough to accommodate them.
6. Keep the wrist straight.
7. Keep the elbow down near the side of the body.
Opening and Closing the Scissors Activity

Pretend that the pair of scissors is a puppet; the blades are the mouth. Have the student make the puppet talk by opening and closing the blades.