

Early Writing Development

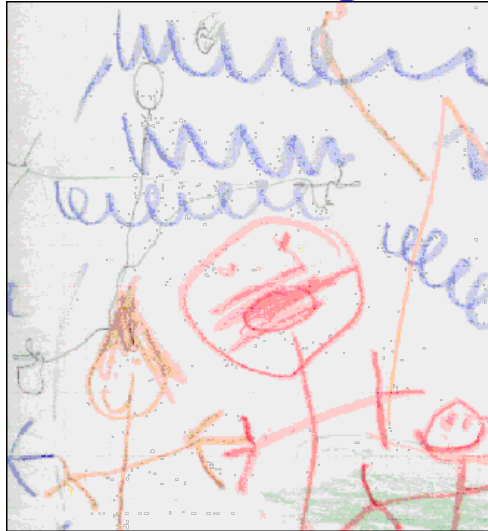


Stage 1 Drawing/Picture Writing

In the drawing and picture writing stage, children begin to express their thoughts and feelings, the pictures are usually unrecognizable.



Stage 2 Scribbling



At this stage, the child begins to draw somewhat recognizable shapes and may tell about the picture. The child may try to imitate writing, as well.

Stage 3 Random Letters



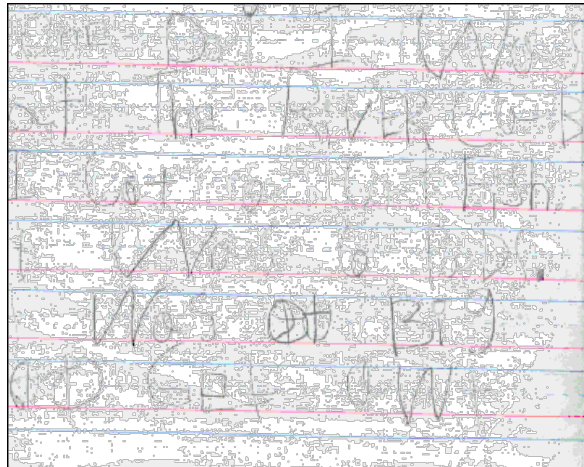
The child begins to print his or her own name and may put strings of letter with his/her picture. They may attempt to read the message, but it is probably still unrecognizable

Stage 4 Semi-phonetic(Early Spelling)



The child begins to use some letters to match sounds, often using a beginning letter to represent the whole word. They may begin to use left to right progression, but letter reversals are still common.

Stage 5 Phonetic



At this stage, children begin to write words with beginning and ending sounds. They also begin to spell some high frequency words correctly. Vowels may be inserted into words, but usually aren't the right ones.