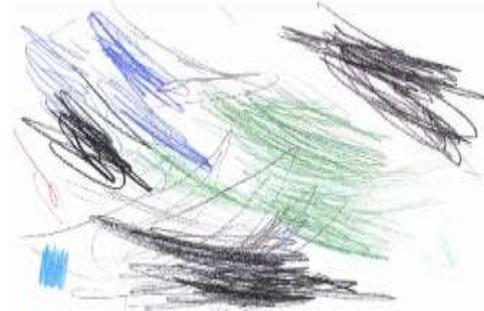


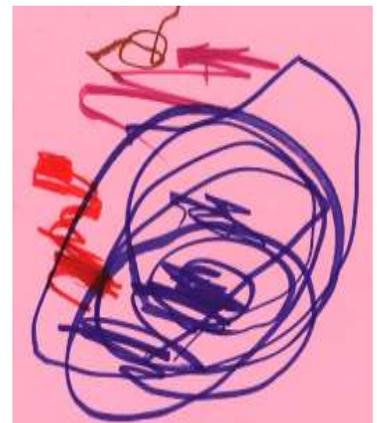
**DRAWINGS!** You may look at your child's drawing or picture and wonder "What is this"? It may just be scribbles of repetitive lines and circles. To your child, it is just "perfect!" It is his MASTERPIECE!

Here are six drawing stages that will help you understand your child's artwork.

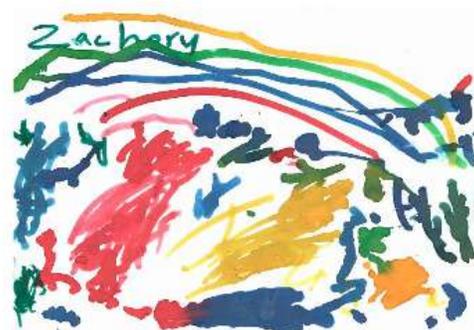
Stage 1 - **Scribbling** - Typical of a 2-3 year old. It is all about the process and enjoyment. Your child is beginning to develop his fine motor skills using his small muscles in his fingers, hands, and forearms



Stage 2 - **Round Shapes** - Circular movements that are often repetitive and large. Your child will pick any color and find it pleasing and fun!



Stage 3 - **Identification** - Your child will begin to identify his scribbles or circles as something he knows. Vertical and horizontal lines may emerge.



Stage 4 - **Faces and People** - Typical of a 4-5 year old. Drawings usually appear without bodies with the legs and arms extending from the head.



Stage 5 - **Pictures** - Typical of a 5,6, and 7 year old. Recognizable pictures appear such as houses, trees and flowers.



Stage 6 - **Perspective and Scale** - Typical of an 8, 9 and 10 year old. Drawings and pictures are more to scale. Children begin to judge their own work and are influenced by their peers.



Remember every child is unique. All of their artwork is important! No matter what developmental stage they happen to be in at the time! Each Stage or step helps your child to reach the next one. Remember it is their work, not ours. We can embrace and appreciate each stage with encouragement and joy!

For more information about ages and stages, stop by the office and check out the Parent Library. There are some great books and pamphlets available.

Check out the website [www.planningwithkids.com](http://www.planningwithkids.com) "Children's Drawing Stages—6 Things to Look For"

