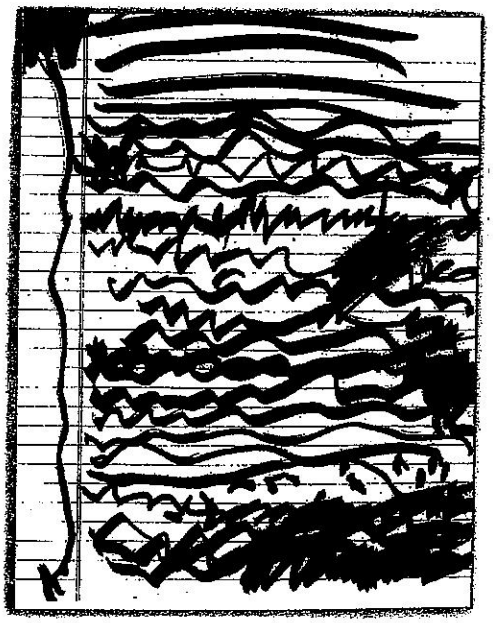
Curriculum Coordinator's Corner

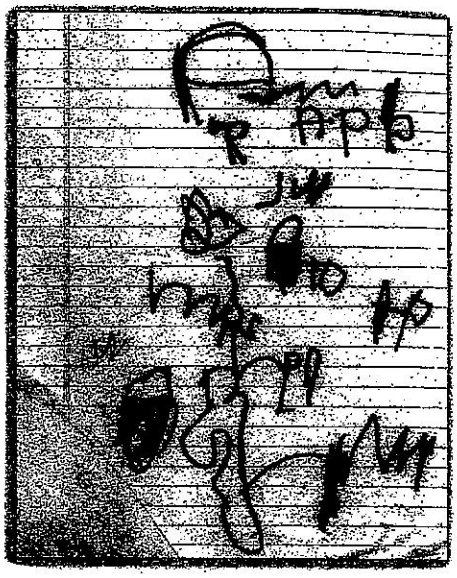
HANDWRITING! Printing and writing are high level skills that we often take for granted. In order to successfully reproduce shapes and letters, eye-hand coordination and visual perception and memory are required along with strong fine motor skills. Children must also begin to have an understanding that writing is a way to communicate to others. Writing develops in predictable stages. Your child may revert back to a stage when learning a new concept.

6 Stages of Writing Development:

Stage 1 – Children make random marks and lines on paper.

Stage 2 – Children make scribbles on paper often repeating lines and curves going from the top to the bottom and left to right on the page. Even without letters, they will tell others what it says. This is a first pre-writing skill that shows that children understand that writing is an important means to communicate.





Stage 3 – Children begin to write random letters on the paper. They may "read' it to you but they do not have any letter- sound connection.