

# One Page Resource: Identifying Stages of Writing Development in PreK Students

## Scribbles



Looks Like: Irregular, horizontal, wavy lines on a page.  
A child at this stage could be at a **1 (First steps for 3s), 2 (Making Progress for 3s)** on EI 8.3.

## Mock Letters



Looks Like: Individual marks that are made in an attempt to resemble letters.  
A child at this stage could be at **5 (Making Progress for 4s)** on EI 8.3.

## Random Strings



Looks Like: Multiple letters written without any letter-sound connection. They are generally uppercase and have no spaces.  
A child at this stage could be at a **5 (Making Progress for 4s)** on EI 8.3.

## Semiphonetic



Looks Like: Has the beginning awareness of the connection between the alphabet letters and the speech sounds.  
A child at this stage could be at a **6 (Accomplished for 4s)** on EI 8.3.

## Phonetic



Looks Like: Clear letters with a close letter-sound correspondence.  
This type of writing is typical of **Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students.**