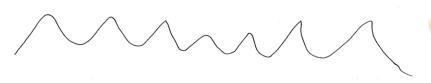


One Page Resource: Identifying Stages of Writing Development in PreK Students

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 El 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 El 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 El 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 El 8.3.

Phonetic



BIK

Looks Like: Clear letters with a close letter-sound correspondence.

This type of writing is typical of Kindergarten and 1st Grade students.