

# Early Mark Making

Young children's first writing is scribbling. They scribble up and down and around with pencils, markers, chalk, paint brushes, and even their fingers. Scribbling is to writing what babbling is to talking. As a babbling child thinks he talks, so the scribbling child thinks he writes.



## Early Mark Making: An adult can....

- Help children to develop their motor skills (actions that involve the movements of muscles) by climbing, crawling, dancing, throwing and catching balls or carrying objects.
- Provide a range of mark making materials such as chalk, pens, brushes with paint or water, dough and crayons. Talk about the marks made
- Play with the child, imitating his her marks and model other ways of making marks

