

HOW TO TALK TO KIDS ABOUT THEIR ART

INSTEAD OF SAYING...	TRY...
What is it?	Tell me about your artwork! <i>(Ask for kids to elaborate about their details instead of assuming their art has to "be" something)</i>
It's so neat!	Your repeating lines/patterns really catch my eye! <i>(Be specific with your comments)</i>
That's a cool idea!	How did you do that? <i>(Engage in a conversation with further questioning)</i>
Put it on the fridge!	What would you like to do with your art? Do you want to give it to someone? Should we display it? <i>(Give students choice and ownership over what to do with their creation)</i>
I love it!	How do you feel about it? Are you a proud artist? <i>(Instead of giving immediate affirmation, ask the kid to identify their feelings about their artwork first)</i>

Can you identify which Elements of Art and the Principles of Design you used in your creation?

ELEMENTS OF ART:



Line



Shape



Color



Value



Texture



Space



Form

PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN:



Balance



Contrast



Emphasis



Pattern



Unity



Movement



Rhythm