

what do i say to kids about their art?

Demonstrate your interest

- Tell me about your picture.
- Do you want to tell me about it or just show me?
- How did you make that?
- Did you learn anything new?
- What did you do first?
- Stand away from your artwork, does it look different? the same? How? Why?
- What is your favorite part?
- What did you like doing best?
- Lets turn your work around so we can look at all the different sides.

Talk about the art elements: Line, Shape, Color, Texture, Space

- Look at all the zigzag lines
- I see big shapes and small shapes in your picture.
- Can you count how many colors you used?
- I like the effect of using one color, it makes it easier to see your lines.
- How did you make all those textures.
- Look at the difference between that shiny fabric and that crumpled paper.
- Look at the spaces you created in between these two forms.

Just describe what you see

- I see some purple, orange and green. It looks like you mixed some 'secondary' colors.
- Wow you were really listening to directions, look how you...
- Look how you placed/arranged the...
- You take your time and make careful decisions.
- Wow you used so many different brush strokes.

Steer away from value judgements: good/bad, like/dislike

- I enjoy the way...
- I appreciate how you...
- I am proud of you for...
- I admire...
- I notice...
- Look at the attention you paid to...

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