

Please Read My Story

Your preschool child hands you a paper which has lots of crayon squiggles on it and says, "Daddy, I wrote a story, please read it to me". The wonderful thing about this example is that your child is showing you that he has come to the great understanding that language can be written down and read. But, how should you respond?

Tell your child that you are very happy to see the story she has written and ask her to tell it to you and then read it together. This way, you will not make an error by misinterpreting the marks on the page and, you will give value to your child's efforts by showing your interest. Your positive responses to your preschooler or school-age child's writing will play an important part in the writing she attempts next.