

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...