

Line and Scribble

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Line and Scribble are very different, but they're still the best of friends. On their own, each are creative, but together they can make incredible works of art. Look through the eyes of both as they dash and squiggle through the book.

Activity Ideas for *Line and Scribble*:

- Children love to talk about their art! The next time they show you their latest masterpiece, ask them to tell you about it. Let them explain in their own words what the drawing is or their creative process. Comment on how hard they're working or how a shape looks just like a letter. Expressing an interest in their work demonstrates to them that you're a safe person to express their ideas and feelings.
- Large muscle movement, or gross motor skills, develop a child's strength and will help them learn to write across a page. Get them moving by acting just like Line and Scribble! Can they walk in a straight line? Can they wiggle? Can they move like a thunderstorm? Now add in movements that will have children crossing their arms or legs to the other side of the body.
- Fingerplays, or songs that use finger and hand motions, are a great way to grow the muscles your child will need to hold a pencil when they learn to write. Create your own movements to your favorite songs or try this chant and move your hands and fingers with the words: "Open, shut them, open, shut them, give a little clap, clap, clap. Open, shut them, open, shut them, put them in your lap!"

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