

The connection between art and literacy can happen in many ways. In the readings of Baghban and Dyson, and the videos, they talked about the children creating images and telling stories by drawing, and scribbling. In all actuality it is not just scribble but a child creating a story and putting it on paper. Dyson said "Children explore the symbolic materials available to them: the sounds of language, the movement of their own bodies, the graphic marks of drawing and painting implements, the structural possibilities of blocks and other constructive media". Children draw pictures to express themselves, and to put their ideas in order and make it have meaning to what it is they are saying and constructing. In the reading with Baghdan she spoke about a first grade class being outraged by muffin making. The teacher made muffins with a prior class, then with the outraged class. Unfortunately however, there was not enough to make big muffins but only little ones. The children expressed themselves by writing and drawing pictures to voice their hurt or betrayal for that matter. They were so angry and their pictures confirmed how they felt, and the words like baghdan said "comes from their own imaginations". They drew pictures about how they felt if they were angry or the other drawing was a threat and wanted to use bad words, but although profound words were not spoken "you are deidmeat!!", said a lot. It's amazing how they truly expressed their pain with physical actions, then drawing and then with words. Scribbling what we think has no meaning to us, is so far from the truth they said in the article that "have been found in Neolithic cave dwellings (Marshack 1972), Gibson and Levin call scribbling "a fundamental graphic art". When I look at the picture I only see scribbles but to the writer they see art, they see a story, they see the world through their lens. I believe that integration of arts and activities in the curriculum

supports emergent, because it helps the child to express themselves in the drawings.

Also when you ask the child about the drawing they created, they would get to explain themselves and then share their story with you. Their imaginations are on display and they are about to explore and take you on a journey in their world.