**Squiggle Writing**

**Directions**:

1) Take a piece of blank paper and have a grown up use a black marker to create a “squiggle”. Keep the squiggle simple.

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2) Have your child create their own picture with a pencil and some crayons, incorporating the squiggle within the drawing. Include plenty of detail in the drawing such as a background, characters, objects, and other unique features.

3) Then, using lined paper, have your child write as many sentences as possible about the squiggle drawing. The writing piece can go into two different directions:

 **Explanatory** – The written sentences describe the details of the drawing ie. what is seen by the eyes.

 **Imaginary** – The picture is the inspiration behind a fictional story that can include characters, a setting, and a beginning/middle/end sequence.

**Get creative and have fun!**