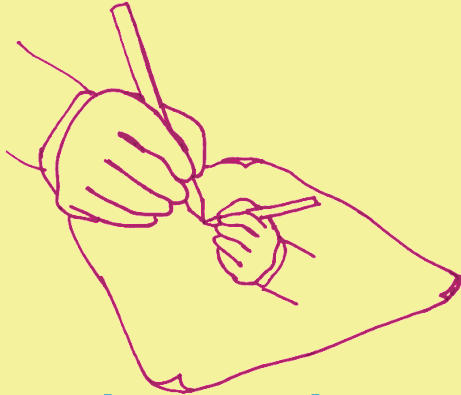


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My kindergarten classmates were experts at not knowing.

M. made a complex abstracted drawing of an elephant and the teacher remarked, "You just drew what's on your mind." That set me thinking and I took the opportunity to talk with my classmates at our table about that. I asked if they thought before they drew. M. said, "I start drawing and then stop to think." The other classmate on the table said, "I just start drawing and the drawing teaches me." The young artist was willing to admit the horizontality of relationship between an artist and an artwork.

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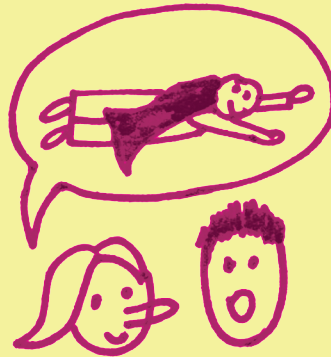
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Question at Circle Time was
"What did we do over the
weekend?"



E. answered, "I went to
Legoland."

M. copied E.'s answer
verbatim and said "I
went to Legoland."

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Something complex is
going on in M's answer
having to do with belief
and access afforded by
class and opportunities
versus access afforded by
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Today I started a "Back to Kindergarten" playlist.



Nursery Folk Song – This Is The Way
Wilco – Just A Kid

Kris Kross – I Missed The Bus



Smurfs – School Song



Todd Rundgren – Bang The Drum All Day

Supertramp – The Logical Song

Tom Paxton – What Did You Learn In School Today

Frankie Cosmos – Art School

Harry Chapin – Flowers Are Red



Repeat.



Even rock stars went to kindergarten.



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Maybe Neha Choksi, August 16, 2018



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