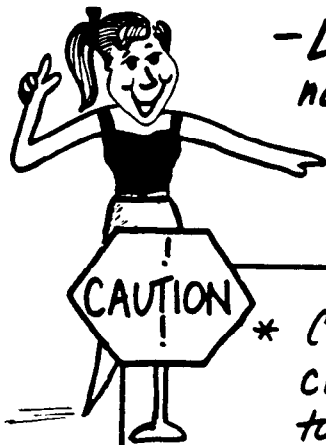


- * Sometimes, a child's artwork may be especially expressive of his/her feelings.
- * A drawing can give "clues" to some deeper problems / issues / feelings within the child.
- * Try to "read" the picture in the same way you might read words. What might it be telling you?

- Look at it as a piece of communication, not just fantasy.

BUT, KEEP IN MIND:



* Colors, forms, etc. have different meanings to children of various cultural backgrounds, and to different children within each culture!



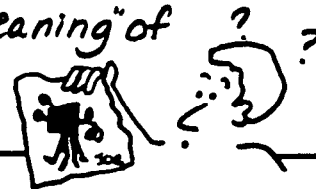
* Regard the artwork as just a piece of what's going on with a child; be sure to look at the child with a holistic view instead!



- The best source for what's going on behind the drawing, is the child....

ASK HIM/HER!

* Call on a specialist when you feel it is necessary to explore the "meaning" of the art at a deeper level.



IN BOTH METHODS, YOU MIGHT NOTICE A CHILD EXHIBITING MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY THOSE CHILDREN TO A COUNSELOR, OR OTHER PROFESSIONALS AT SCHOOL?

