

# The Nothing Zoo

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Dear Owen-At Building Blocks we love to work with loose parts to give you lots of creative license to create something really out of nothing. While going through my books at home I found a great story Nothing Zoo by Johanna Bohoy. This story was about a group of friends who get bored during a summer day and decide to create a zoo for the neighborhood -charging only a penny. We read this book at school and started looking for ways to make our own Nothing Zoo. You loved this idea. You would come into school and tell me how you made a panda for the Nothing Zoo. I asked you what the panda was made out of and you would say 'garbage'-this made me laugh and wonder what your panda looked like. I was very curious to see your panda. We all started preparing for our Zoo-by arranging the yard(you had a special spot in mind for your panda ), a few friends helped out by making a zoo area out of wood and bricks, then we made a sign, and Ms. Christine got some snacks ready for the event. Finally, the day was here and you brought your panda in. Pen put her animal right next to yours(it was a penguin). Your panda was amazing!! You did such a great job -you were very proud of yourself.

We loved seeing your panda-it was big and looked great. More and more friends dropped off their zoo creatures. When your mom and dad came you got a slushy, some yummy popcorn, and all for a penny! What an adventure! Thanks for making our zoo so special! Love, Ms. Christine





### What learning is happening here?

You are joining in a group project and reading about something -then creating it. You planned and executed your plan. You also are using your imagination. Plus you used your muscles in creating the zoo area .

## DRDP Preschool Fundamental View (2015)

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Pretends an object represents another object

Engages in roles in pretend play with others