

Creating With Clay

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Madden,

This morning I invited you into the caterpillar room to create and explore with clay. You picked a spot at the table and immediately started manipulating the clay with your fingers. We quickly found the clay to be a bit too hard, so we added some water to soften it. It became much easier for you press between your fingers, and create new shapes.

You were interested in using the clay tools to poke holes and create different patterns and lines on the surface. We took an extended time to create, before discussing what some of our creations were together. You told us, "It's a giant pizza!" when we wondered what you had made.



What learning is happening here?

Open ended art exploration allows for more independence, fosters creativity, and boosts confidence. Madden was able to experiment with texture, shapes, and creating three dimensional objects. Madden also worked his fine motor muscles and hand-eye coordination as he pinched and poked the clay into his desired shape.

DRDP Preschool Fundamental View (2015)

Maintains attention

Maintains attention for extended periods

Carries out simple investigations

Grasps objects with fingers and thumb

Stabilizes and manipulates objects

Habits of Mind (2000)

Can and do remain focused.

Take time to consider options.

Stop to observe what I see.

Feel what I am touching.

Strive for originality.

Open to new experiences to learn from.