



Clay Small Group on the Breezeway - September 27th, 2017

Realizing a dearth in clay opportunities this year, Kalei invited six children to the Breezeway for an intimate, quieter small group experience. She wanted this group to be a back-to-basic style so she prepared the table with only the clay cloth & clay – no tools. She invited these particular children based on her knowledge of their interest in clay (**Ruby**), desire to create (**Lila, Landyn**), inclination toward sensory experiences (**Huck**), &/or in effort to foster budding relationships (**Colin + Jonah**). This resulted in an interesting dynamic with a variety of ages, personalities, competencies, & relationships represented; we will definitely work toward making this clay small group a periodic endeavor. Kalei is especially interested to see if Jonah will oblige her on this next invite as he never once touched the clay, opting instead to quietly observe his peers.

Colin: I'm making mud rising up.

Landyn: I'm making a baby.

Huck: I'm making a baby crocodile. A really big one.

Ruby: I'm making an owl.

Lila: This is a beautiful flower top. And now this is a seed.

Colin: Excuse me, this is an alien [pictured]. But this is its eye. Huck- it only has one eye.

Lila: Aliens have 9 eyes.

Colin: No, they could even have 300!

Landyn: This is an egg for a baby chick! It's going to hatch!

Kalei: What else might the egg need to be able to hatch?

Lila: It needs water!

Colin: No, it needs warmness.

Landyn: The egg is hatching! See? Its wings are coming out!