

**Building on Clay Experiences
December 8th, 2016**

Today I presented the clay to the children in a new form: each child received a coil, one straight and one curled, and a ball. I hoped that these shapes would inspire the children to start thinking about the clay as a material one can build and construct their ideas with. This experience is built upon many that we've had studying the malleability of clay. The children have also been working a lot with modeling clay and play doh, both of which have strengthened their skills and confidence with clay.



*"A mountain!
A big one." -Ruby*



"House!" -Reece



"Water" -Preston



Josie rolls her clay into a ball and then wants to squish it flat. She leans over the table to flatten the ball.

Ruby and Reece practice rolling their clay into a sphere after I demonstrate the process to them.



Reece's completed "house"