

Clay and Natural Materials: January 11, 2017



After these initial imprints were made, Landyn, Lucas, and Eleanor began to make elaborate landscapes on their slabs of clay. C.C. continued making dots on her clay with the gumballs and eventually swirled them around into the clay, leaving deep spiral prints.

Today a group of children worked with slabs of red clay and an array of natural materials: pinecones, sticks, stones, and gumballs. They are familiar with these natural materials from our light table and have noticed the different textures of the materials as they've worked with them before. We are so familiar with clay that I thought this element of texture would be an interesting new way to explore clay. The group consisted of Eleanor, C.C., Lucas, and Landyn. Before placing the clay on the table, I placed the natural materials down to allow the children to feel each one and study the texture once more. Then came the clay. Each of the children immediately began making prints with their materials.





*"It's a butterfly!"
-Eleanor*

