## First Painting Experience at The Nest November 16, 2011

Today, Cruz and Henry experienced paint in the studio. Mandy put a big piece of butcher paper on the floor. A hole was cut in the middle of the paper in hopes that the child painting would take advantage of the circular area around him. This was the first time that any of the infants had experienced paint and we were excited to see what would happen. We plan on having more experiences like this so that the children can begin to become familiar with this medium and future form of communicating ideas and thoughts.







Cruz touched the brush with his fingers and look closely at the bristles. He was most interested in the feel and taste of the tempera paint in his mouth. Mandy re-directed often and demonstrated how the paint can flow from the brush to the paper in front of him. But it was as if the brush was metal and his mouth was a magnet!







The newly mobile Henry didn't' spend as much time as Cruz did exploring the properties of the paint and the brush. Henry put the brush in his mouth only once and you can see from the second image that he didn't seem to like the taste!