

# Light + Shadow Explorations Continued...

Conversation + Shadow Drawing Provocation



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## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT **LIGHT**?

Evelyn: *"Light is something that makes shadows."*

Noble: *"It's light, so you can see!"*

Ruby: *"Before bedtime I turn all my lights off."*

Tashi: *"Light can make maybe dark or maybe light. It's kind of..."*

***Light can make you see! It's good for your body.***

*When you turn the light off, it's BIG dark. So, we need light and dark."*

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT **SHADOWS**?

Noble: *"It's lightness and darkness mixed together it makes shadows!"*

Evelyn: *"When you get in front of a light, it can't shine on the ground so it like makes your shadow! When your body is blocking a light the shadow grows out of your body."*

Rachel: *"Is it living?"*

Evelyn: ***"Yeah! The shadow is alive when you move it!"***

Tashi: *"The shadows slide out of your body and cover the moonlight."*

Following this conversation, the children encountered a provocation of light and shadow, drawing materials, and large sheets of paper...





My initial hypothesis was that the children would draw the literal dots that the light produced when streaming through the colander.

To my surprise, the children began to personify the dots and make them “come alive” in a sense. This mirrored their words about shadows, in which they mentioned that a “shadow is alive when you move it” and that a shadow “slides out of your body.”

During future encounters with light + shadow, I hope to continue conversation about the imaginary citizens of the children’s light + shadow world.

