



### **Clay Week: Day 1 – A Raw Exploration – July 13th, 2015**

For the final section of our three-part study of materials, we embark on a week of in-depth clay work. Our previous study weeks have taught us that an introductory encounter of organic play is a great way to begin because it allows the children to reacquaint themselves with the material & become comfortable with its basic properties. For educators, these intro days allow us to make base level observations that help us make meaningful choices about planning for the rest of the study week. Thus, we commenced Clay Week with an invitation to explore hearty chunks clay on a canvas tarp on the studio floor. After fifteen minutes of joyful, sensorial, hands only play, Kalei offered the children an assortment of tools to extend their play with.