



Elena begins to experiment with covering her structure. "Hey look, I closed it!"



Julian makes a bridge-like structure, which Leo comments "looks like a car wash." Julian says it is not a car wash & seems to begin thinking seriously about what it could be. He discusses a boat before deciding it's a nest. He puts "baby birds" (gems) under the covering before he very proudly encloses it. "It's actually a nest, The rooftop opens!" He then watches Elena construct a car before the friends connect their structures. Julian said of their collaboration: "The birds are going to a different tree. They're in the front of the car, the parent birds are driving." Elena finishes by making "little tiny cars to put the baby birds in."



Dominos & Gems
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Elena, Julian, Leo, & Ruth encountered a stark provocation of dominos & gems inspired by a quiet game of "matching dominos by numbers" Kalei & Elena had played earlier in the morning. Kalei thought adding the gems might encourage numeracy play but, unsurprisingly, the children developed a richer way to engage. The group immediately started building, creating, & narrating; this socio-dramatic play lent itself to easygoing conversation & collaboration.



<Leo: "I'm building a road. I'm doing a great job with the road."

> Initially, Ruth made a house that had "a road so cars can get out," but adjusted it to "an airplane house" when Leo said "airplanes have that!" of the runway-like road.

