

## Extending an Interest in Dragons with Clay - February 19th, 2016

One of the most intriguing books from our library bus trip earlier this month is "The Boy Who Painted Dragons" by Demi. After reading it several times, teachers noticed an increase in dragons as a theme in children's dramatic play, stories, & art. In attempt to extend their thinking on the subject, Kalei offered the children clay. Hank, Landon, & Kahlan took Kalei up on her challenge: "Can we build a dragon?" This is the first time this year a small group has (1) worked together on a clay sculpture, & (2) made a concerted effort to use clay representationally. The group worked with Kalei to merge pieces of clay into a body & add features such as legs, feet, ears, spikes, & a face. Kahlan was especially interested in creating a dragon that approximated one from the book.

