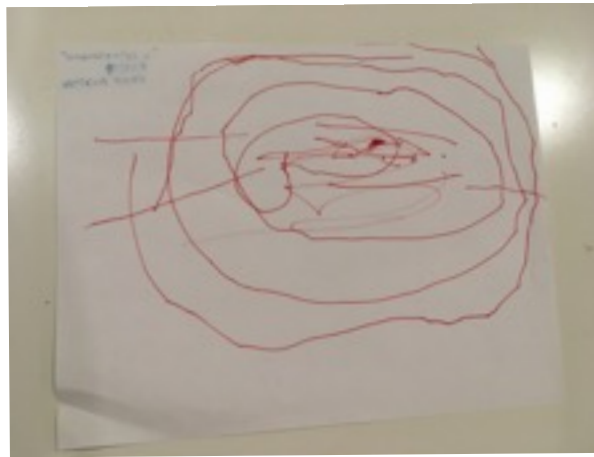
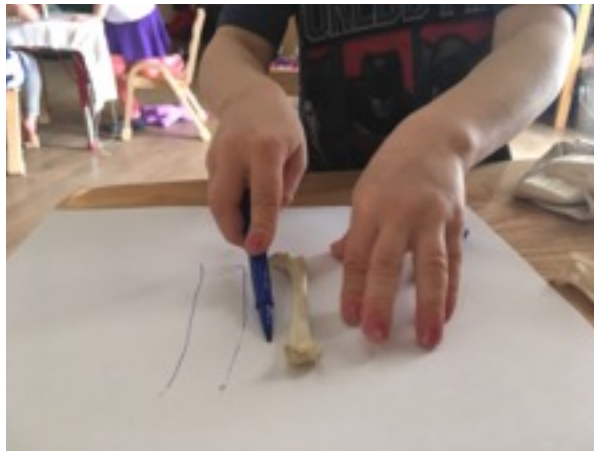


“Do you know if these are dinosaur bones?”

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At the beginning of morning playtime, Kalei spotted Colin & Hank exploring the basket of possum bones our former teacher Ginny brought in. They arranged, conversed & asked questions for about ten minutes before becoming noticeably restless when they were dissatisfied with their reconstructions of the skeleton. Wanting the friends to continue their endeavor, Kalei attempts to engage their zone of proximal development by inviting the boys to draw their desired creatures to support the construction. The friends, who are not frequent draftsmen, agree to the proposal. They each discussed a variety of possible creatures, but Colin ultimately draws “a chubby rat” (potentially because Hank was recalling that the bones are actually from a possum) while Hank draws a spinosaurus. More details of the experience in the captions...



< Colin uses a bone for accuracy.
> Colin’s chubby rat. He follows up with a drawing of “meteors crashing from space.” Hank notes that “meteors don’t have bones” but Colin is unfettered. In reflection, Kalei wonders if Colin was moved to draw meteors because of his extensive knowledge of dinosaurs & their demise.



< Hank’s first rendition of a spinosaurus. While working, he shares information about the dinosaur. “It has a long head & tail, it eats fish with sharp teeth, sometimes he’s different colors, & it has a spine on it’s back when it stands.”

> Hank arranges bones on his drawing; The circular shape is the body, the oval bone is the belly, & the two inward-facing straight bones on the upper left are legs.



<When we reviewed Hank’s work we realize he was unable to fit in the head so Kalei offers an 11x17 paper for a second, larger drawing. In this image, Hank draws the spine on the flip side of the paper.

> Hank’s finished drawing. Kalei encourages him to include more than just the dino this time by asking questions: “What kind of habitat did they live in?” (a lake with a fish on the bottom right) How could you show the long nose?” (the line atop its head).

