



Adele, Emerson, Violet, & Kahlan Visit Hodge Podge - May 13th, 2016

Throughout the school year, the teachers of The Nest have worked hard to establish a schedule that gives each teacher sufficient time to reflect, collaborate, plan, & project. Often times, these planning sessions take place at Hodge Podge, where the artistic milieu lends to our work. At a recent planning session, Kalei noticed some pieces by local artist Molly Rose Freeman in the gallery that really stood out. She thought a small group of children who have shown a consistent interest in patterns might be inspired by these special works of art.

Kalei packed up a bag of wooden geometric shapes, MagnaTiles, & drawing materials & invited the girls to walk the short distance to Hodge Podge. We set up shop in front of the two multimedia paintings so the girls could observe the art while working. Emerson started with the wooden shapes, Adele with an elaborate 2-D MagnaTile creation, & Kahlan & Violet began drawing "patterns." Eventually, everyone was drawing with the markers we brought. Everyone had a different goal as our time passed. Adele spent most of the time working on a copy of the yellow-backed piece ("hexagon" was a big buzzword). Emerson did some skeletal copies of Freeman's art but she & Kahlan spent most of their time drawing a variety of patterns & tracing shapes. Violet worked intensely on her drawings; she created a pattern of "purple suns" before focusing on one page filled with tiny shapes & patterns. The girls were extremely well mannered, careful to manage their volume & tempers while in public. Many patrons & staff seemed impressed & intrigued by our presence!



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