

Clay Working Group: Nest, Bird, & Egg

Primary children from the WG engaged:

Kahlan, Emerson, Violet, Cyla

As our exploration of clay develops, a few different threads have emerged leading to the formation of specific "working groups."

The Nest, Bird, & Egg group, developed through a shared interest, works here to build on experience, ideas, & actions.



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Kahlan: "This is so cute!"
Emerson, noticing that
bottom of the nest is thin &
patchy:
"The babies could fall
through if there's a hole in
it!"

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Kahlan spends a long
time flattening the
"floor" of her nest,
taking note of how her
peers are creating the
sides before working on
her own.



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Violet
creates a thick,
flat base before
pinching the
sides up.



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Emerson quickly makes
a bird face & then adds
"feet" so it can stand
up. It seemed as if she
was working on her
nest when she
happened to see a face
in the clay.



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Emerson: "Maybe they cut that
(the blue tarp string)?"
Emerson: "How did they make
this nest?"
Kalei: How do you think?
Emerson: Water & dirt...& they
use twigs to make a nest.



< As the children were constructing nests they voiced their opinions & questions about the "real" construction process. A series of short videos showing birds constructing nests in real time was set up for observation...

E: Is this real? V: So cool! I hope something happens to the eggs.

E: There aren't eggs yet. V: Well, when she puts them in I hope something happens to the eggs. E: I hope she put them somewhere safe, that's what I'd do with my eggs.

C: She's coming back! E: I think that might be the mom.
V: We just don't know which one is the mom or dad. When are they gonna get the baby eggs? E: They need the nest first!
C: I wish I could go into the computer & see EVERYTHING.