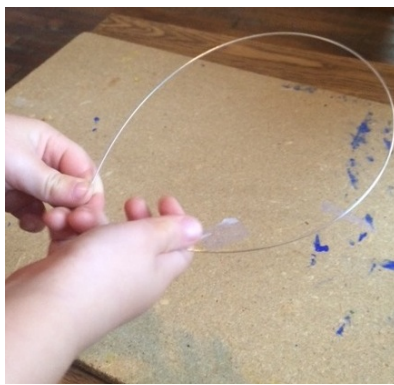


Working with Wire – June 23 2015



In small groups the children became acquainted with a new material: wire. Wire is a unique material because it is both malleable & strong. Further, it allows for limitless exploration of shape & line through sculpture while providing an important exercise in fine motor development. After an initial encounter with just strips of wire, the children seemed blocked. Without wanting to push the children's thinking in a narrow direction, Kalei avoided over-modeling. Instead, she decided to offer beads (more fine-motor!) as another way to work with wire.



Violet: I'm almost done because it's so hard!

Helena: I'm NOT almost done.

Violet: ...I'm not almost done either.

Kalei: Are you picking certain beads on purpose, or just any bead?

Violet: I'm picking baby letters.

Kalei: What makes them baby letters?

Violet: Because they're so cute (speaking in baby talk)!

Helena, Hank, & Violet begin counting beads with some accuracy.

Violet: Mommy beads (referring to the big pink bead) & some baby beads.

Hank: Daddy bead!

Violet: SCORE (as she slides more on the wire)!

