

A group of children are sitting around a table covered with a red and white striped tablecloth, engaged in a craft activity. They are making beaded necklaces using colorful string and small, multi-colored beads. Several blue polka-dot cups are scattered on the table, some containing beads. A child's hand is visible in the foreground, reaching into one of the cups. The background shows more children working on their projects.

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Downstairs Preschool

What?

This group learned best with kinesthetic, sensory and auditory processes. They loved scissors, pipecleaners, beads, and the sounds and textures of those materials.

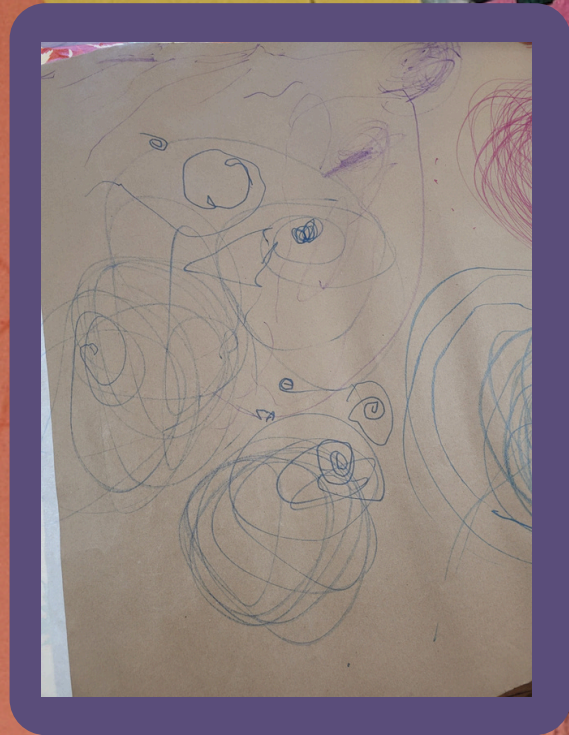
So What?

Understanding how they responded helped us plan better experiences and introductions for that group- we did the same activity for both rooms for equity, but we approached the downstairs room with more of a free form approach.

Now What?

Building on the current open art tools the educators have for the children, we want to expand with sensory art. Contact paper and rice/shells, playing with colour mixing and cellophane with flashlights, edible art with bread dough and raisins (dependent on allergies and oven availability), and more opportunities for sculptural art. Printmaking with pinecones and paint, or rubber balls in tupperware.





Upstairs Preschool

What?

The children in this room responded to narratives- many of them created stories as they created their art. This room responded much more to questions, and their artwork leaned more representational with faces, flowers, and name writing. They spoke a lot to each other and us as they created.

So What?

Building an interest in stories and social dynamics opens more doors to collaborative art practices. The children talked a lot more in this room, making lots of art for their families.

Now What?

Introducing literacy- leading with a book, and then building on the book to create programming could be really successful here. Greeting cards and letter decorating, making puppets out of paper bags, and stamp art and printmaking to easily create multiples for the whole family would be lovely for this group.

