

Afternoon Art Enrichment

We've explored many different art concepts in the past few months. An emphasis has been on sculpture mediums. They learned about the artist, Louise Nevelson, and created an assemblage relief sculpture in her style. They were naturals at this! Next we worked with plaster and each student made a 3-D sculpture.

Throughout our classes I have given the children many opportunities to use clay. We explored another pottery building technique called the coil method. They will be bringing their coil bowls home soon.

I introduced the method of drawing used in the book, *Drawing with Children*. I took it as far as I felt was appropriate for the developmental stage of most of the children.

In painting we learned about reflections and also did an exercise about self-portraits. Soon we will be discussing the artist Jackson Pollack. We did a preliminary painting exercise in his style based on the book, *The Umbrella.....messy but so much fun!* After reading the book, *Action Jackson*, we will do a group "drip" painting. Another artist we will be learning about is Georgia O'Keefe. The children never fail to amaze me with their enthusiasm for learning about art!

Your children have portfolios in our classroom containing many of their projects. Feel free to ask to see them at anytime!

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