

Seeds of Partnership Website Video Descriptive Text Transcription High Quality Early Learning Environment, HQELE

Key Element: Materials

Activity Sample: Crates & Boards

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(Description: Photos displayed on wall of children playing with crates and boards)

We have found that if we give children materials that they can create and invent with that they own it more and they're more deeply engaged in it. So outside, we're using crates and boards

(Description of how children used crates and skills they were using and developing)

and ramps and chutes and things that they can create with. This is just a project that involved crates. This is actually what's going into Margie's book,

(Description of DRDP Measures children are demonstrating)

some pictures of crates and tires not all of the other aesthetically pleasing things but crates and tires. Which I love. Crates and tires again, these just became objects

(Photos of children building with crates and boards)

that children can stack and move them around. They're light enough to move around. There's a sense of power almost; "I can build these things." We have some rules about how high they can climb in them.

(Photo of children standing inside crates)

They love just creating enclosures. It's an offshoot of Laura's work on structures. They become different things.

(Photo of children sitting next to each other inside crates)

They might go out on the lawn or they might go right here on the patio.