

What can be projected?

Building confidence while exploring new media.

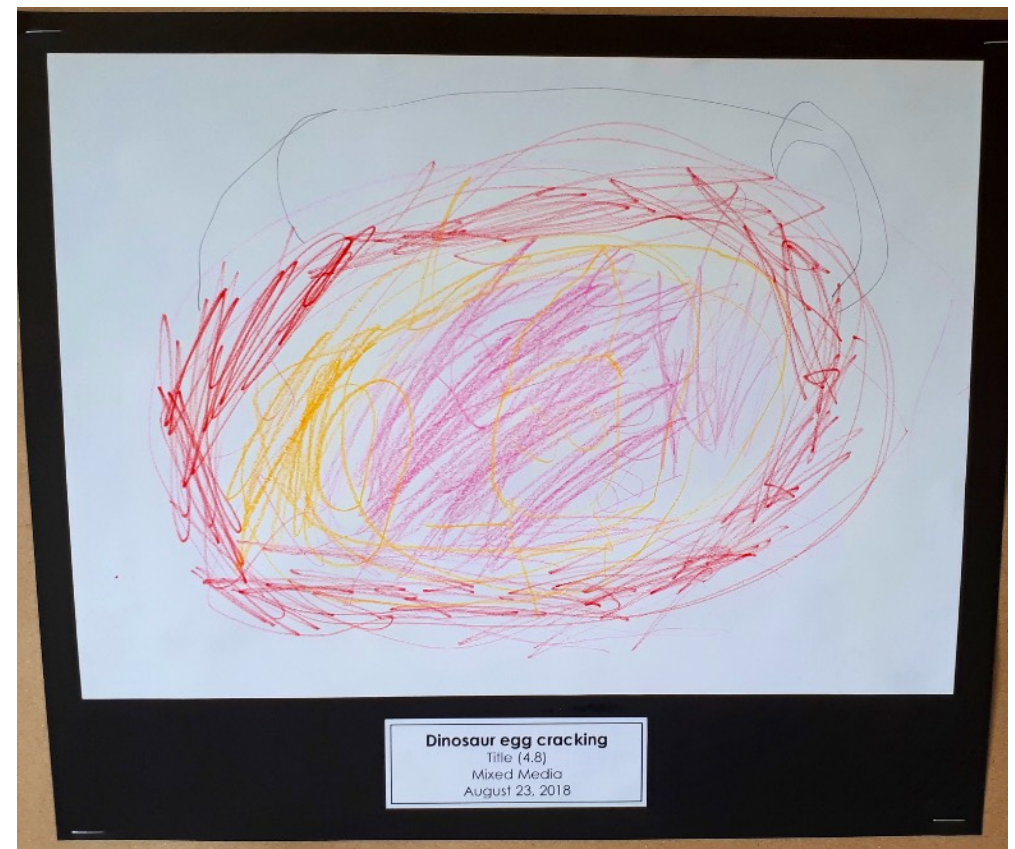
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The children have been enjoying playing with animals and insects over the projector with different horizons that were printed. These included forests, trees, rivers, etc.

During the week of August 21 I observed Title (4.8) draw a colorful picture on white paper. It was a dinosaur egg. He walked to the projector and placed it confidently over the light, only to find himself confused as to why the drawing was not projected.

This is the picture he drew. I observed him give color and details to this project with excitement. It is indeed a masterpiece! But was not serving the purpose he intended for it.

We knew that he had to be engaged in a provocation where he could use transparencies to make an environment for the animals which he had been playing with, especially the dinosaurs. Our theory is that this was in essence his goal, only the media was not serving him.





With confidence Title grabbed the pen and placed his left hand on the transparency making sure it would be still. Title is a child who is very detailed with his drawings, and he has great eye-hand coordination for his age.

He started drawing several dinosaur eggs in the middle of the paper, as if he was following the invisible outline of a circular nest. Then, he asked for another transparency to make an additional drawing.





As he finishes the eggs he made for the dinosaurs, he proudly walks to the projector and places his masterpiece. He looks at the wall proudly to finally see his creation being transferred into the wall by the power of light. He proceeds to add the characters to this new story. We turned the light off so Title could observe the details he had added to the new environment for the dinosaurs. After this wait period and making him accountable for his participation in classroom experiences, Title was able to explore new media. We observed that Title became more confident in his work, for he has started showing us with pride anything he builds or draws. He now loves getting his photos taken with his work and always has a big smile on his face.