

Orcas Island News

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Thanks so much for coming to our first annual Rainbow Day!



This past week we also started working with some new construction materials. We wanted to bring another way of experiencing vehicles into the classroom, and thought that if we provided axles, gears, and wheels the children would begin to build their own models.

We found instead that they were building all sorts of interesting structures. Tall towers of wheels, sprawling lattices, and everything in between.

This reminded us just how much the children are learning all the time.

Before they could use the K'nex pieces to build vehicles, they needed to explore the materials themselves, to see what they could do with them.

And sure enough, after a few days with the K'nex their play changed without prompting. Their creations transformed into the axles, wheels, frames, cars, and trucks we had expected to see.

