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The Art of Tinkering - Website

"Tinkering is play with intention."
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Briefly explain what the artifact is and where it came from.

I had to do more research on tinkering after watching the Ted talk. After looking up a couple of different articles, this one gave me the most basic explanation of what tinkering is. The root of tinkering is about problem-solving. Kids should be given the ability, whether they’re in school or at home, to create objects that focus on form and function. Tinkering is not just used in art however, it’s also applied to math and engineering.

Explain how the artifact represents your current thinking on tinkering.

Since tinkering is defined as “thinking with your hands” it goes along with teaching art. My goals as an art educator are to teach my students how art can strengthen your problem thinking skills. The idea of “play” is tossed around quite a bit when it comes to art. Tinkering is play with intention. As an educator, I’d like to show my students how they can learn to be problem solvers and thinkers by participating in art class. Projects that allow students freedom to experiment and make objects out of found objects are incorporated in my curriculum. These projects allow students to think outside the box when it comes to making.

Link to artifact:

scholastic.com/parents/family-life/parent-child/art-tinkering.html