ArtsECO Fellows 2020-2021

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Clay Plant Holders - Student Work

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Briefly explain what the artifact is and where it came from.

Last spring semester, I taught a lesson to a 3rd grade and 1st-grade student, for my case study in my Introduction to Art Education course. My students created clay plant holders, for the project. The 3rd grader created a fox plant holder and the 1st grader created a clam clay holder. While making the project my students worked very independently discovering a lot of new techniques, all on their own. After the students were finished, I had the students tell a story about their creations. This project encouraged my students to play, explore, and problem-solve. It was a very engaging project and it works great for elementary students!

Explain how the artifact represents your current thinking on tinkering.

For the lesson, I wanted to give my students the opportunity to be explorers. I also wanted my students to connect with nature. I feel it is of the utmost importance that children spend a lot of time playing outside because it helps open their imaginations! Giving my students this opportunity, definitely helped them to think outside the box and tinker with their creations! For the preparation of the project, we went outside to collect things from nature. Outside I explained the importance of what items were ok and not ok to collect from nature.

Link to artifact:

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