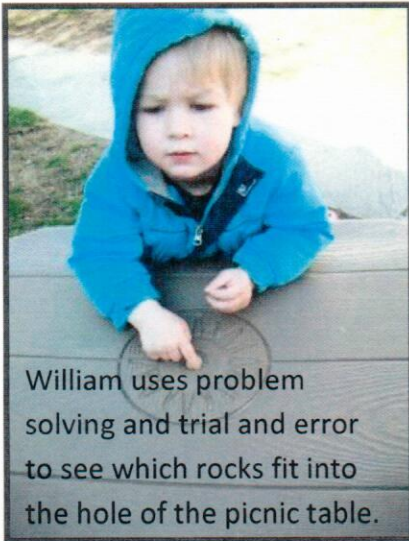




Spring has brought with it the opportunity for expanded outdoor play, both in the courtyard and the front playground. While playing outside children are able to encounter experiences differently than while playing indoors. There are chances for growth in many skills, including risk taking, pretend and motor development.



William uses problem solving and trial and error to see which rocks fit into the hole of the picnic table.



James balances a cup of sand while pushing a wheel barrow.



"My tea is hot! I need to blow on it." -Megan

"You have to stir your peppermint tea, Jairemiah." – Megan

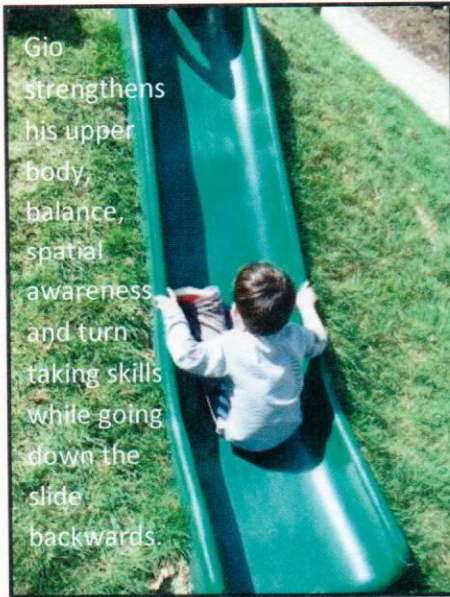


"Can I use your spoon when you are done?" – Jairemiah
"Sure!" - Megan

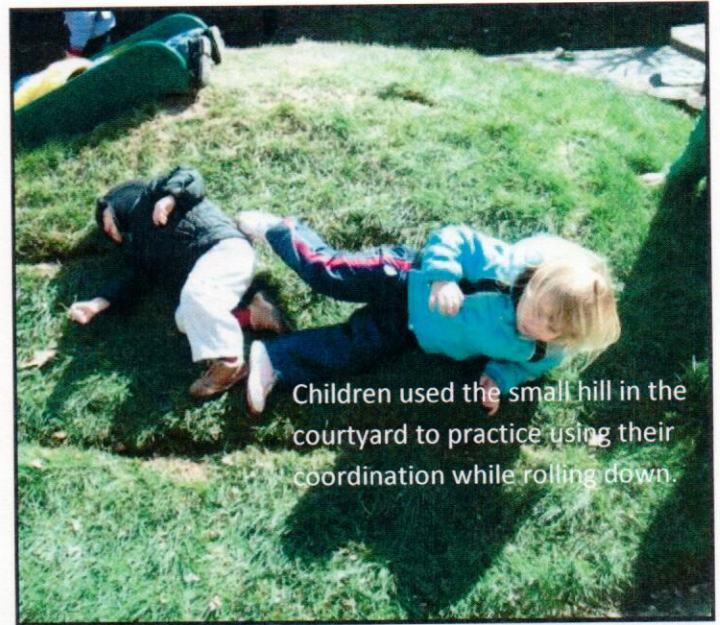


"We have to cheers now!"
Megan

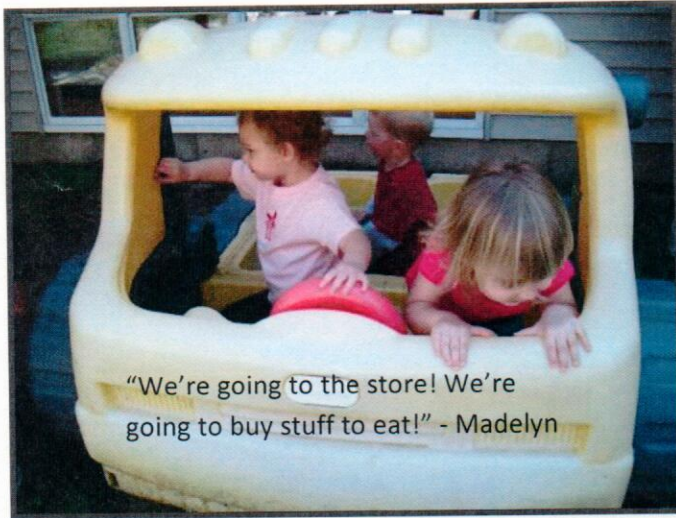
Megan and Jairemiah have a tea party using cups and sand. They found sticks and pretended they were cinnamon sticks and straws for the tea. This child directed activity brought about conversational turn taking, sharing of materials and pretending.



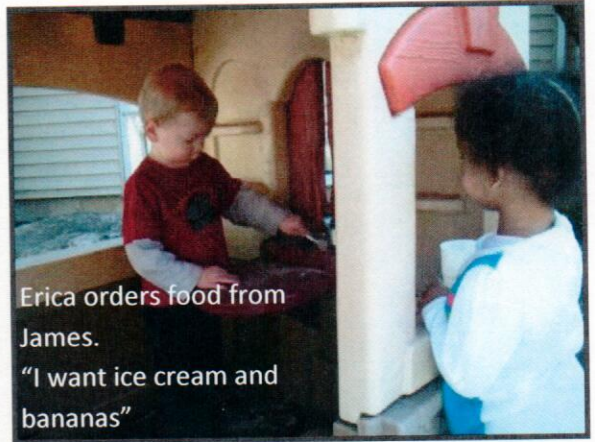
Gio strengthens his upper body, balance, spatial awareness and turn taking skills while going down the slide backwards.



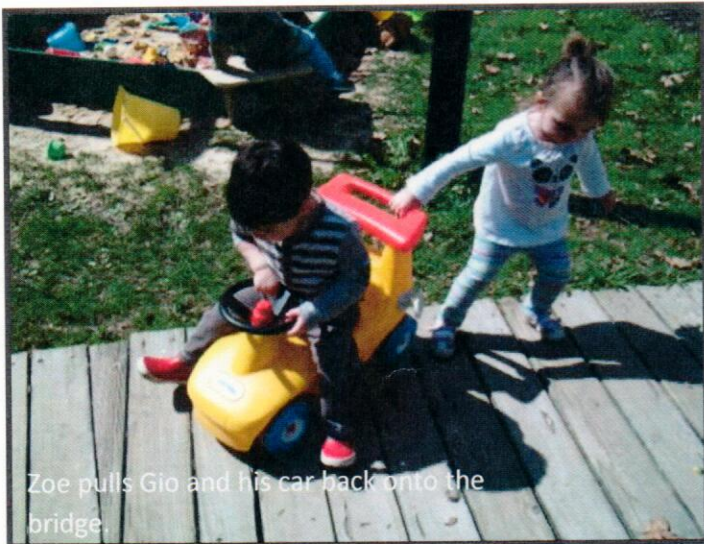
Children used the small hill in the courtyard to practice using their coordination while rolling down.



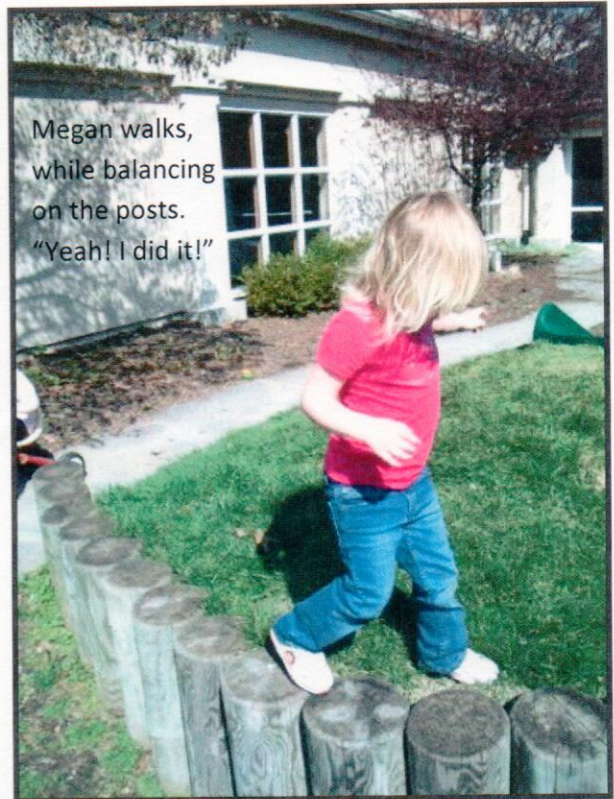
"We're going to the store! We're going to buy stuff to eat!" - Madelyn



Erica orders food from James.
"I want ice cream and bananas"



Zoe pulls Gio and his car back onto the bridge.



Megan walks, while balancing on the posts.
"Yeah! I did it!"