



Beautiful Stuff

Busy Bee Class
Blossoming Cherries Early Learning Center
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Collecting

First, we made collections of “beautiful stuff” materials – found and recycled things. Children could take as many things as they wanted for their collection.

“I have a big yellow!”

“I have a big purple.”

“This is a feather.”



“Oh! This is a stretchy, stretchy thing. Elastic.”

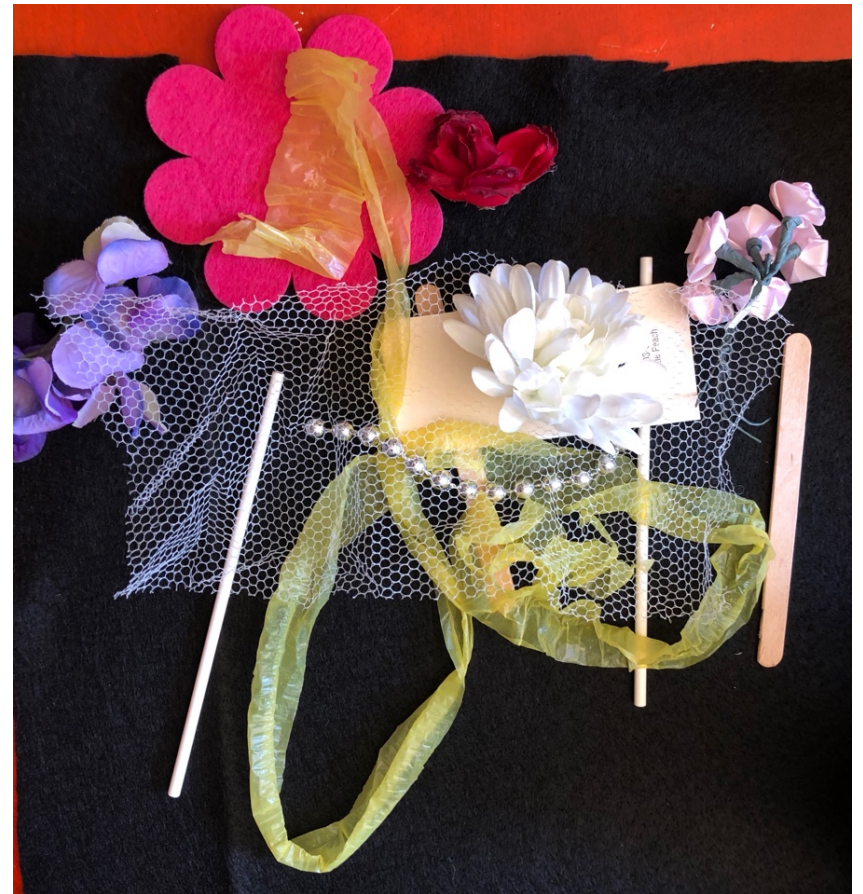


Making Collages

Next we said “Now you can make a picture with your collection. You can arrange the beautiful things however you like.” The children described their creations and we wrote down their words.



Arya: It's my school. Blossoming Cherries Center. I put the things. I need to put the biggest ever. The buttons! And there – the last button.



Angelo: Feather. Feather. And a stick. Three sticks. Flower and sticks and flower. Look! I have many sticks!





Collin: I have flowers, numbers, sticks, star. Circles – two. Button.

Chenny: 3. 4. 9

Cephus: Mountain. I have bears, red, green, and white. A white stick and a brown one. A blue button. Purple pieces of clothes. A yellow feather and a pink ribbon. An orange ribbon. This is a circle and a house dog.

Shaileen: Sticks of different colours. A red necklace. A circle and blue buttons. A smooth blue feather. Purple ribbon. A purple and black cloth.



Victoria: My beautiful sack. I have a pink flower and a blue flower. A pink feather and a black button. A yellow paper. A blue chain and one stick.

Patience: A number 4. A zero. A star. And sticks.



Sidney: Blue button. Red.
Mine is a school.
Blossoming Cherries. Look!
Another one! A button.

Patience: A number
4. A zero. A star.
And sticks.



What will we do next with Beautiful Stuff?



- Sort the Beautiful Stuff into categories and make labels for the categories (*literacy and math*)
- Make more pictures using Beautiful Stuff like we did today, and invite the children to write their own descriptions or make labels for their creations. (*literacy, creativity, narrative*)
- Create Beautiful Stuff pictures with a partner (*for collaboration, teamwork, communication*)
- Find new Beautiful Stuff in nature and add to our collection
- Make 3-D sculptures using Beautiful Stuff

Learning Goals from the Kenyan PP1 and PP2 Curricula

- Math:
 - Classification
 - Sorting and grouping
- Creative:
 - Mosaic (PP1) / Collage (PP2)
 - Creating shape forms
- Language:
 - Speaking – Passing Information
 - Naming

