

Riding on the Child's Interest: Bottles

See how their learning grows and their skills grow as they experiment using bottles and a variety of interesting 'things'.



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The endless things we can do with an empty bottle.

We found some empty plastic bottles and brought them back to our classroom. The many ways to **experiment, explore** and **try new things** using these bottles.



Broadening Children's Understanding

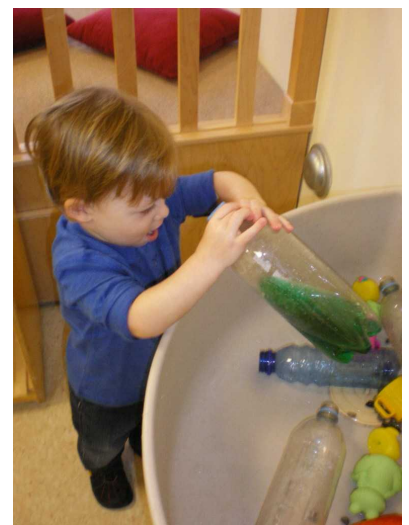
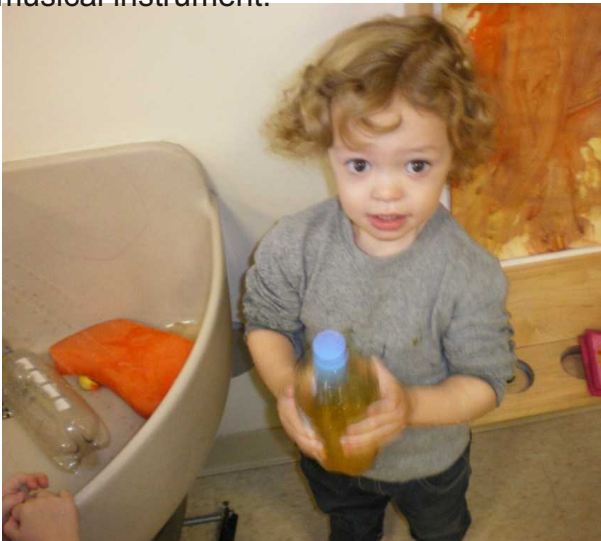
The children almost instinctively put the bottle into their mouth. Seeing the bottle through the children's eyes, this is not an impolite way to use the bottle. The size and the feel of the bottle is probably similar to their drinking bottle from now or the past, and so this is what we do with bottles. This gave us an opportunity to teach that since it is a bigger bottle we need to pour the drink into a cup first so we can all have. That is the polite way to drink.



Then we took the bottles outside

Fine motor skill: We began picking up pebbles and placing them inside the small opening of the bottle. With precision placing and putting it made sure the pebbles would go in and drop to the bottom.

Creative Expression: We shook up the bottles and listened to the sounds the rock made. We made a musical instrument.



We took the bottles to the water table and began finding ways to fill up the bottles with water. Then we **experimented** by adding color to the water to make yellow water. Yellow water. How interesting. We continued by making green water. We shook the bottles and jumped up and down with the water and watched the water twirl in the bottle.