

Moments Of Wonder

Child's Name: Zara Philips

Age: 2.5 years

Date: 09-Oct-25

Educator: Lorina

Setting/Context: Outside Play



What I Noticed

During outdoor play, Zara (2.5 years) discovered a patch of wet sand and began pressing her palms into it repeatedly. She then traced lines between the prints and exclaimed, "Look! My hands are dancing!"

Child's Voice

"Look! My hands are dancing!" "I made a road for the ants!"

Emerging Strengths

- Sense of agency and creativity (Outcome 1.2): Zara initiated her own sensory exploration and expressed delight in her discoveries.
- Communication and symbolic thinking (Outcome 5.3): Her language and metaphor ("hands are dancing") show emerging abstract thinking.

Educator Reflection

Zara's spontaneous play with the sand revealed her growing ability to connect movement, nature, and storytelling. Her narration and symbolic play suggest a readiness for complex patterning and mark-making experiences. I was reminded of the importance of slowing down and observing her wonder was contagious.

Does This Require A Follow Up? ☒ Y ☐ N

When? 10-Oct-25

How? Wet and dry sand trays

