

Let's Make a Tent!

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Oh, the vast and unmeasurable joys that a simple tent can bring! Over the last few weeks, your children have had the desire to create 'homes' for themselves. This was accomplished through the building of several tents. The children would collectively decide that they needed a tent and the creative process would begin! The framing for these tents was



constructed out of bits of string, chairs and tables and held together with various items, like clothes pins and "really sticky tape", otherwise known as Duct tape. They discovered that, with a little extra squeezing, they could use the clothes pins to keep the sheets from sliding off the chairs.



"Ms. Deborah! Ms. Deborah! I need more sticky tape, please!" This cry was heard over and over as the children figured out that Duct tape really can stick to just about anything. Laughter and ideas

floated around the classroom as the children worked together to build their new home. "Can I come and play in your tent?" "Yes, but you have to crawl

all the way through it." "We have secret tunnels! Did you know that?" "I



wuv our tent." To the children, the classroom became a blank canvas on which they could imagine and create beautiful thoughts and ideas. Their tent





quickly became a place to play house and to meet with friends. It was a cozy place to read or to rest. Towards the end of the day, your children were worried that their tent would be

cleaned up and put away after they went home. So, they decided to write a note to Miss Libby and present their request.

"Dear Miss Libby

Please don't take down our tent."

Noah, Meredith and Hannah



Our tent-making days were a huge success and much fun was had by everyone as they tried new things and learned about working together.

