



"Can I draw on your project?" "Yeah, sure. I'm done with it."




"The chalk is mushy but I like it."



"What's going to happen if it rains again?" ("What do you think will happen?") "It will all wash off and we can do it again!"

The ART of Collaboration



The discovery of a basket of wet sidewalk chalk is an invitation to design and experiment on damp round pavers. Layers of chalk are applied...the rough surface of the cement now smooth and colorful. When the artist is satisfied with her work, a peer arrives, interested in the process. After asking permission to work on the project, the new artist picks up the chalk. This is repeated on each of the pavers, children working cooperatively yet independently. While the children enjoyed the tactile and visual experience of the chalk, teamwork and respect is an important aspect in social emotional development.

