fostering collaboration:
a cooperative kitchen

A birthday cake requires candles ... ALWAYS.

Provocations based in loose parts and art materials allow for endless possibilities and creative freedom. The nature of these materials shies away from imaginative boundaries, allowing creation to flow organically in all directions, often in the direction of pretend cooking.

This lack of confinement by the materials creates a social environment that fosters the sharing of materials and ideas.

a space to express, to share, to collaborate

Large bowls and an abundance of loose parts engages children as young as two-years-old in cooperative play. The addition of a material to a cooking creation symbolizes the expression of an idea, an idea that may be asserted, may be accepted or may be rejected by peers. Collaborative cooking serves as a gateway to navigating the social dynamics of play.

D. and U. take pizza orders from friends, adding a loose parts for each topping.