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The children came up with the idea of a dragonfly shaped sand play area to replace the “boring” sandbox that existed on their playground. They then worked in teams to create models of what they wanted it to look like. This picture shows the work of one of the teams.



This photo shows another team working on their model. Their designs included elements such as arches; trees, shrubs, and flowers; painted rocks; tunnels and many other wonderful things to interact with and make the space beautiful.



This photo shows the whole group working on their models and sharing their team’s ideas with the rest of the group.

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Snacks were a part of each day of Design Camp to keep everyone energized and happy. This photo shows some of the children and the course instructor enjoying popsicles on one of the warmer days of the camp.



The sand was delivered before the area for the new dragonfly sand play area was ready. The Horizons students didn't mind at all and had a great time in the sand pile!



This photo was taken during the last day of Design Camp. We had a party with ice cream to celebrate the end of camp. The Horizons students are again enjoying the sand pile and the girl sitting on top of the pile is enjoying her ice cream cone.

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This photo shows the new sand play area partially constructed. The old “boring” sandbox can be seen in the background of this photo.



This photo shows the basic shape of the new sand play area. The round head is in the foreground with the thorax and the abdomen (loosely configured) of the dragonfly continuing back between two shade trees toward the other climbing structures. From this photo the wings are a little hard to distinguish. The Horizons students were able to outline the dragonfly shape on the ground with landscape paint prior to construction.



This photo was taken in the fall when the school children were back in school and enjoying recess one day. The shovels and mini-dumptrucks stay outside most of the time without being stolen.