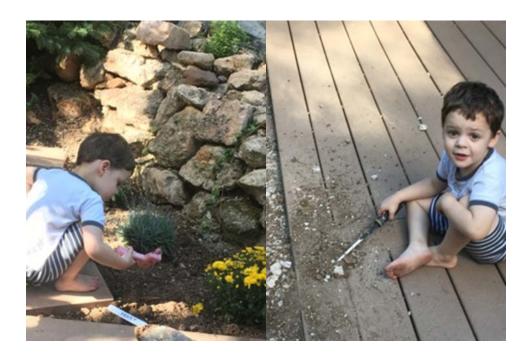
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Digging in the Dirt



This "dirt digging" is serious business. Some people smile and say, "I am just having fun and playing." In reality, "I am estimating, predicting, hypothesizing, digging, pouring, mixing, blending, planting, building, creating, planning, weighing, sensing, balancing, discovering, knowing, and organizing. As I dig in the dirt, you may hear me talking to myself. Yes, I do this to help me think through my digging issues. Do I dig deeper? Do I add more water? Should I mix the dirt with the sand? What materials do I need to construct a mud wall? Is there another tool I can use than just my shovel? My dirt playing is quit complex. If you are still not sure, consider the content areas I am targeting including language arts, chemistry, geology, physics, mathematics, and art. And finally, playing in the dirt is great fun."