



Hunter, I had just walked outside and you immediately caught my eye with your intense experimentation. This rope swing is not for the faint hearted..... It's designed for taking a risk and challenging your skills. Actually, it is just plain hard!! But for those adventurers who are willing to risk the ups and downs of experimentation, the rewards are very satisfying. This is just what I saw you doing and so I was very intrigued to see how you would persist with all this difficulty before I interrupted your practice by making any comment.

It turned out that you were not only testing your physical skills because at times you just lay in the bark feeling the texture. This is very serious experimentation as you build theories about the way the world works. Everything you experience is fresh and puzzling and this is what drives your curiosity and gets you so involved. I can only just try to imagine what it must feel like to lie on the ground with your body stretched out holding onto a rope for the first time. Is it the weight, the strength required, the feeling of the ground? Perhaps when you read this when you are a little older, or watch the video I made, you may well remember. I'm wondering just how this type of experimentation is part of the process of

being a learner with a growth mindset: Someone who is prepared to risk failure, to see making mistakes as a way to learn more. This means that you stretch the boundaries and that's a great thing to be doing... at the edge of learning and wanting more!!!

I was so excited when I saw you experimenting in this way that of course I talked to all the other teachers. It was really surprising to find that you had done this a few times already this week so it wasn't quite the first time that I initially thought. In my mind that makes it all the better because you come back to perfect your skills and then play around with the ideas. That's truly the way learners get better!

# tricky swinging

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PRACTICES

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What Learning did I think was happening here? Hunter I hadn't seen you on this swing before and when I saw how hard you were practicing I wasn't surprised at all that your efforts paid off and you did just what you set out to do because I see this in lots of other things you do.

<p>Opportunities/ Possibilities Hunter, we think that learning is all about effort and practice. As you turn</p>	<p>your attention to things that interest you and you keep going even when the task is difficult, you build your</p>	<p>competence. These kinds of dispositions are the ones you want for tackling life's challenges.</p>
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