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This week the toddlers were busy caring for our baby dolls, measuring water in liquid measuring cups, screwing screws into anchors in clay, and investigating animals. Recently, we have noticed the toddlers have had an increased interest in animals and where they live and what they eat. We think this stems from all the exploring we have been doing in the woods, where we have heard woodpeckers, followed squirrel and deer tracks, and even found something suspicious-looking. When Ilan spotted this suspicious substance, he shouted, “Poop!” He was right! The children have been curious about which animals could have left this evidence. When asked about it, Aritz thought, “Maybe a cow,” which got the other children thinking and prompted a visit to our cow barns. On our way to the cow barns, Melissa was asking the children what they thought cows ate. Some children said, “Food,” while others said, “Bugs,” and another said, “People.” We arrived at the cow barns just in time to see a student worker feeding the cows. She told us that cows in fact do not eat people, but instead they like to eat grass, which she called “feed”. We explored further and found a barn full of cows mooing very loudly. When we rounded the corner we happened upon a pen of baby cows – some that were younger than Baby Callie and some that were even younger than Baby Solomon, but much bigger! The children said hello to the baby cows by carefully reaching out their hand to see if the cows would kiss them through the fence. We also discovered that the barn is not only home to the cows, but also to many birds and also a barn cat, who came down from her place up high in the rafters to wish us farewell as we made our way back to school. ☺