

Inspiration Corner

Loose Parts Nature Art



Gather natural loose parts in your outdoor space and arrange them to create art.

OUTDOOR LEARNING SERVICES OFFERED AT THE ALAMANCE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN:

- Trainings (for providers & families)
- Technical Assistance
- Use of our OLE for family play days and tours
- FREE year-round field trips in our OLE
- Grant Opportunities

Looking to continue your gardening through the fall season? Click [here](#) for some information about planting cool season vegetables.

NATURE PLAY TEACHES KIDS TO

CLIMB HIGHER — THINK CREATIVELY
 FIND THEIR OWN RHYTHM — EXPLORE
 IMAGINE — RELY ON THEIR SENSES
 ASSESS RISK — TEST THEIR BOUNDARIES
 USE THEIR OUTSIDE VOICE — OBSERVE
 NURTURE LIFE — RESOLVE CONFLICT
 CULTIVATE A SENSE OF PLACE & SELF
 IMPROVISE SOLUTIONS — FEEL FREE
 RECOGNIZE BEAUTY — COLLABORATE
 BE RESILIENT — REGULATE STRESS
 LEARN THROUGH PLAY — WONDER WHY
 GET MESSY — DEVELOP THEIR STRENGTH
 BUILD IMMUNITY — GAIN PERSPECTIVE
FEEL CONNECTED TO THE WILD

Let's Go Outdoors! Webinar Recording

A conversation about childcare outdoor play and learning during the pandemic

Click [here](#) for the recording of a webinar hosted by the Natural Learning Initiative, Be Active Kids, and NC Division of Child Development and Early Education.

Grant Updates

Childcare Network #78 has a beautiful new OLE. Check out these before and after photos from their site.



Shout Outs!

Rebecca and the NC Pre-K team at Haw River Elementary for creating beautiful art with the children to display in their OLE.



Melissa and her team at Lifespan for creating an inviting and eye-catching rock garden at the center.



Both sites worked hard to incorporate these elements based on the goals they set in their Quality Improvement Plans. Awesome work ladies!