

Learning from Other Programs

Not all outdoor spaces are perfect, but they're best when they're an extension of the learning environment. Watch the videos from a program that has made its outdoor space an inviting learning environment, then answer these questions about what you see.

1. What are the strengths of the outdoor space? Think about safety, design, space, and accessibility.
2. What concerns do you have about the outdoor space? What challenges do you think the program faced when creating the outdoor learning space? Again, think about safety, design, space and accessibility.
3. How have the staff members made this an integral and rich learning environment across the curriculum?
 - Language and literacy
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social studies
 - Social-emotional
4. What features of this environment would work in your program or the programs you work with? That is, what lessons can you learn from this program?
5. What challenges do you notice related to outdoor spaces? Can you think of some possible solutions to these challenges?