The CSC Child Development Center Laboratory uses a Play-Based Emergent Curriculum that focuses on the Project Approach using Plan (Predict or Provocate), Do (Fieldwork), and Review (Debrief) methods.

The needs and interests of every child are met through the purposeful development of a positive, well designed early learning environment that integrates physical, social, emotional, cognitive and language learning opportunities throughout the daily routine both inside and outside.

Rationale:
Throughout the year, the children will be actively engaged in Exploring their World through Nature. Young children need nature to balance the over-stimulating and sometimes violent media world in which they live. The importance of being outdoors during the early years helps to establish a love of nature and an appreciation for its life cycle. By connecting with the natural world, children develop and grow into adults who care about the environment, and will continue to nurture it. — created by Dr. Kim Madsen, Director

“Contact with nature is as important to children as good nutrition and adequate sleep” (Gill, 2005).

“Leave No Child Inside” and “Last Child in the Woods”
“the health of children and the health of the Earth are inseparable.” — Richard Louv, 2008

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Children experience Nature everyday at CDC!

Spring Fling...
• Sorting wood blocks, rock painting, planting flowers and gardening with friends
• Planting trees with family! Oh, the smell of new wood chips!

Summer fun...
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