

OUTDOOR LEARNING LAB

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY KENT, OHIO

CONSTRUCTION COST:

\$425,000, 2013

CLIENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Brian Pickering, Kent State University 330-672-9624 The Child Development Center at Kent State University is a nationally recognized laboratory school that not only educates and cares for children, but also provides hands-on experiences for future educators.

To further enhance the learning environment, Behnke Landscape Architecture was commissioned to develop an Outdoor Learning Laboratory. Working closely with faculty and administrators, we created an interactive, dynamic environment designed to stimulate the child and strengthen their connection with nature. Key nature play features included: an amphitheater, art shelter, sand and gravel building area with several water features, nature walks with covered bridges, and a gardening area with raised planters and a mud kitchen.







