



## ONLINE STORE

LARGE VARIETY OF ITEMS AVAILABLE

### SENSORY INPUT IS CRITICAL!

“I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority.”

*“Charlotte’s Web” author Elwyn Brooks White.*



Sometimes it’s not enough to swing, run, jump, climb, paint, and play music. Digging, planting, watering, squeezing, feeling, smelling, touching, and tasting can do so much for sensory development.

Sensory gardens provide children with the chance to dig and prep soils with their bare hands. Children can then care for the gardens and learn first-hand what watering can do for the plants, flowers, and vegetables. Watching the garden flourish stimulates the senses and sense of wonderment with the smells, seeing plants change size and shape,



Slab bench

sensing the peace and quiet of nature, watching birds and insects interact with the plants, and touching soils and weeds. One of the most important aspects of the sensory garden process is tasting foods made with fresh ingredients the children grew and harvested. It’s a full circle of sensory growth that children can easily retain.



Outdoor sensory gardens serve an important role in the growth of children. Sensory development occurs during the early childhood years, so early childhood educators should provide numerous sensory experiences to support this growth process. Daily activities involving the senses and hands-on play opportunities should be integrated into early childhood curriculum.



Collection table



Sensory box

“The more sensory-motor experiences young children have, the more easily they learn to function in daily life. To smooth out their sensory processing- to ‘grease the skids’- they need lots and lots of practice with

sensory motor experiences that engage the whole body.” [\(Kranowitz\)](#)



There are some positive side-effects to sensory gardens that go beyond the senses. Tending these gardens can help children develop an understanding of environmental stewardship, the interconnectedness of people to one another, to their community, and to the earth, and an appreciation for the value -- and the joy -- of meaningful work. [Click here](#) for the full article.



### Projects Update



A large Jewish Community Center, with both a school and summer program, had a beautiful, large, but underutilized site requiring 3 separate play areas catering to the various age groups.

Using our comprehensive

questionnaires, the very involved staff provided excellent input and guidance during the design process so that our master plan was able to easily capture the culture, curriculum, and existing natural characteristics of the property. Beautiful new landforms are backdrops for art areas, rain gardens, boulder scrambles, gardens, music areas, low ropes courses, water play areas, free form sand play and digging areas, gathering areas, privacy spots for socializing and gathering, shallow caves, embankment slides, embedded climbing walls, amphitheatres, and numerous other play and learning features.

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### Maintenance

#### Maintaining your garden

Sensory gardens are a great learning tool for life lessons. Like most things, these gardens need to be maintained. Find out how to incorporate gardening and upkeep into your lesson plans. [gardens](#)

### Natural Design

#### Design Your Sensory Garden

The layout or design for your natural sensory garden can be a daunting task. It is important to include the right mix of indigenous plants, flowers, and vegetables. The layout and flow of the garden is also important for full impact on the senses. Insects and butterflies can also be incorporated for calming and additional outdoor lessons. [contact us](#)