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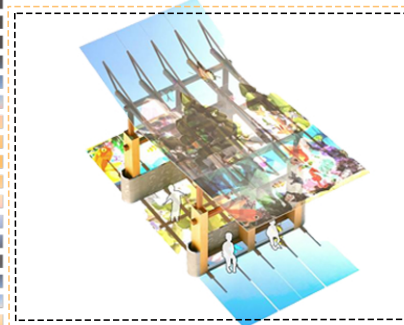
OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The Texas Tech Child Development Research Center (CDRC)

Lubbock, TX



View 1: Octagonal Deck Surrounding Existing Tree



Color Shade-Structure in Memories of Marjije Collines



View 2: Art Space



The Child Development Research Center (CDRC) serves as a site located in Texas Tech University for instructional experiences for students who work with children in laboratory, student teaching, and practicum courses. In addition, the Centre provides interdisciplinary research opportunities for faculty and graduate students. The CDRC is accredited by the

National Academy of Early Childhood Program Accreditation. The Center is divided into 6 classrooms with observation space located between each of the 3 pairs of classrooms. The CDRC utilizes an innovative, fully accessible outdoor play environment located northeast of the center. To enhance outdoor learning possibilities, the outdoor play environment

provides a variety of sensory opportunities such as the color shade-structure (visual sensory), sensory gardens (visual and olfaction sensory), sensory pathways and sand play areas (tactile sensory). By providing varied sensory activities among defined pathways and activity zones, children with different needs can experience the outdoor learning on this site.



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