

OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, Fairfield

2019-2020
PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount=\$800
Project Cost=\$791



57 Students Impacted
PreK and Kindergarten

PURPOSE: To create an environment for outdoor activities and learning time, essential to the development of all students and contributing to better physical health.

IMPACT: This year we began and ended the year wearing masks indoors. Having an outdoor learning space to work in was beneficial in maintaining social distance and building cooperation. My teaching technique outdoors is to facilitate in the students' independent learning choices. The students looked forward to outdoor stations. They were given the independence to choose the hands-on skill to work on in small groups. Cooperation and team building skills grew throughout the year with problem solving activities in the Outdoor Learning Center. Students were able to "show what they know" in each station.

FUTURE PLANS: The Outdoor Learning Center will continue to be a rotational learning area within the St. Thomas Aquinas Early Childhood program.

