Our Learning Gardens: Cultivating Stewards of the Environment through Hands on Learning, Exploration, and Community
Mission:
ChildsworK Learning Center gardens work with the school’s pedagogical style to provide emergent learning opportunities in a way that promotes wonder, exploration, inquiry, hands-on learning, problem solving skill development and a sense of community.
Vision:
Providing opportunities for children to wonder, connect and explore hands-on learning in nature.
About Childswork:

Childswork Learning Center is a private, non-profit early childhood education school located in Southeast Portland, Oregon. Since 1984, our school serves a diverse population of approximately 300 children and their families, focusing on the development of the whole child with respect and compassion.
Childswork is a safe place for children to explore, take chances, and make messes and learn through exploration and play. At Childswork, we nurture wonder, we embrace joy, and we foster discovery.
Our Learning Gardens are a place where students can:
Explore:
Engage our senses:
Explore literacy at our Story Tables
Explore Math Concepts:

Developing comparative language, planning, collecting data and graphing, sorting, measuring
Creatively Express Ourselves
Use natural materials to construct our ideas
Explore Science Concepts:

Observational drawings, living vs. non-living, what does a plant need to grow?, parts of a plant, looking closely, introduction to scientific method, and make predictions.
Practice problem solving:
Develop a sense of ownership:
Cultivate a relationship with our community
We Plant:
We maintain:
We watch:
We compost:
We harvest:
And we celebrate one another and all that we do...