Dr. Maria Montessori considered the outdoor environment an extension of the indoor classroom. According to her philosophy, the natural world provides endless possibilities for experiential learning. “Only through freedom and environmental experience is it practically possible for human development to occur,” she wrote in The Absorbent Mind. The Montessori Method stresses immersion in nature because of its effects on the growth of the whole child. According to the method, nature enriches the life of each child by supporting physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development.

Our 5 acre campus provides an abundance of outdoor opportunities for all of our students. Nature walks, yard work, outdoor jobs, science and math activities, and classroom botany lessons are all part of Providence’s curriculum.

Curriculum on the premises may also include instruction in, but not limited to, the Founders Building, our library and our designated Grandparents Room.

I give my child, ______________________________, in Room: _____, permission to participate in lessons outside the classroom, including outdoor activities designed and supervised by Providence staff.

Signed: _______________________________ Date: ____________