

General Description:

The Children's Sensory Garden is designed to be a multi-sensory experience for children and adults. The gardens surrounding and dividing the areas will feature an herb spiral, fruit tree guild, native plant pollinators, edibles and medicinals, and fragrant plants with stimulating structure and texture. DIY bird and mason bee houses, feeders, instructional signage, and creative artwork will be installed. The overall planting and decorating scheme will have some emphasis on the school's colors of red, white and black. All areas will ultimately be wheelchair accessible.

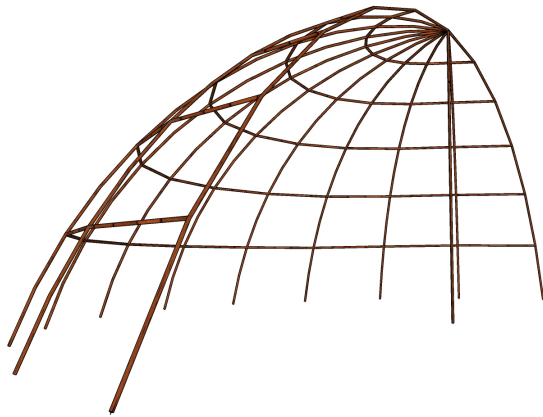
1. Picnic Area:

Positioned to provide a comfortable view of the whole area for supervising adults. The vine covered pergola provides shade in summer. Built as part of the "How-to" series, this solid cedar structure provides a place to eat, talk, or do an outdoor project.



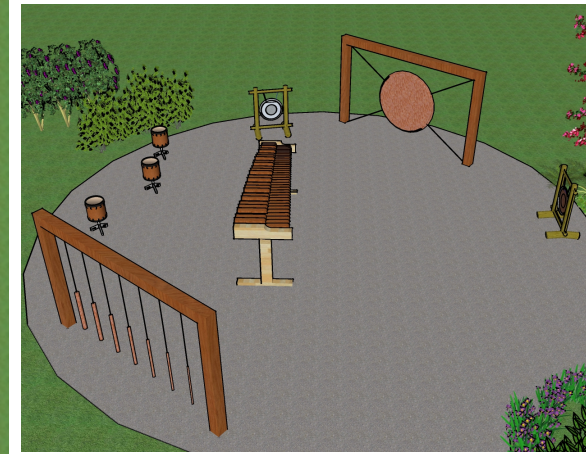
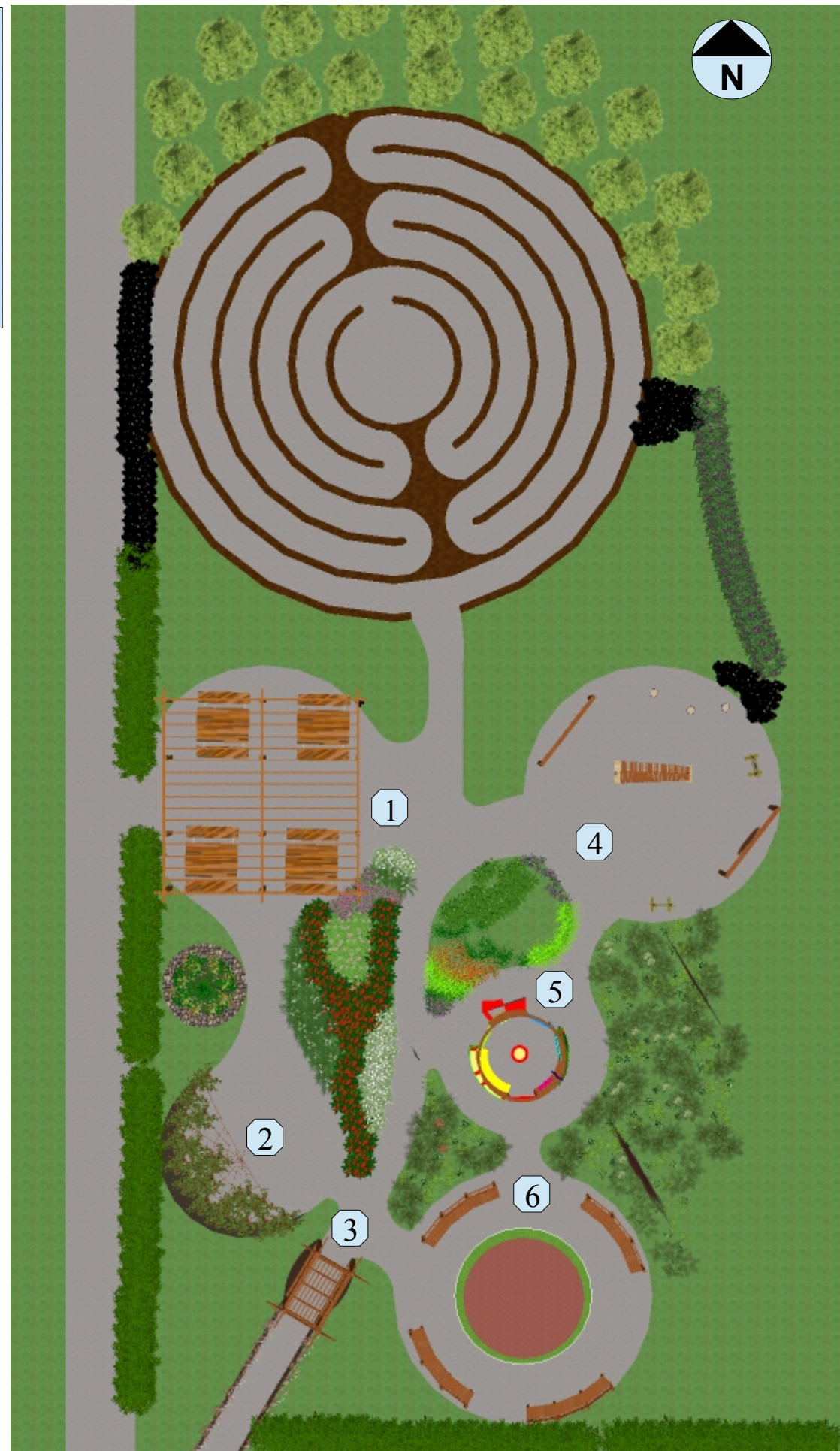
2. Trellised Hideout:

Built using bamboo poles, lashed together to form a webbed shell. Besides providing a "cave" for children, with "junk" playthings and simple seating, it provides a place of repose, meditation, or prayer for adults.



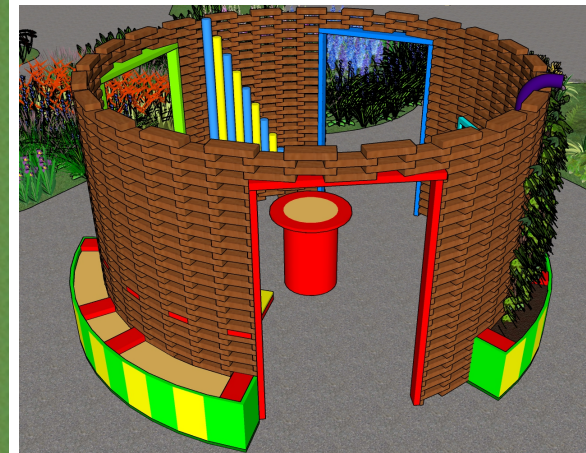
3. Entrance Pergola:

The vine covered cedar pergola, which features traditional joinery techniques and "cloud top" end cuts on the rafters, narrows visual focus as guests walk through, only to open to the expansive sensory experience beyond.



4. Music Section:

Built and tuned by youth interested in music theory, these "striking" instruments can be played in concert with each other. DIY construction using simple, student selected materials, the area expands the sonic experience of the garden.



5. Young Child Activity Spot:

Consisting of a circular cedar wall, low entryways which lead to DIY action play tools. Outside is a lidded sandbox for play gardening with toy tools and artificial plants, along with a live wall planting and storage box for accessories.



6. Mound stage:

Accessed by stairs and a ramp, built with soil and sod from a nearby project, provides a "high place" for creative play, performances, and classes with surrounding seating for the audience.

Old Schoolhouse Community Garden Children's Garden

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(Not to be scaled)