

Natural Playgrounds Designer and Builder Progressive Design Playgrounds To Create Innovative Outdoor Learning Environment for Gan Malibu Preschool

Vista, CA, January 19, 2010 – Progressive Design Playgrounds (www.pdplay.com), leading designer and manufacturer of environmentally friendly [commercial playground equipment](#), [natural playgrounds](#), safety surfacing and recreation site furnishings, unveiled plans today to build an innovative natural playground for Gan Malibu Preschool that will seamlessly incorporate natural elements throughout so that children can fully reap the benefit of outdoor play. This [Outdoor Learning Environment](#) will reinforce the physical, social, cognitive and behavioral lessons that serve as a critical cornerstone to the school's program geared toward children between the ages of two and five.

Outdoor Learning Environments are natural playgrounds that extend the classroom into the outdoors where children can play with and among natural elements such as sand, water and living plants. Through natural learning, these [outdoor classrooms](#) enhance and reinforce the lessons students learn in every subject from math to the arts. They range from vegetable gardens, to slides built into grass hills, to stages where pretend play capitalizes on natural surroundings to stimulate young minds. More elaborate natural playgrounds include science labs, greenhouses, ponds, dirt trails, trike trails and mazes and reading amphitheaters. They often include local plants and boulders, contributing to the authenticity of the natural environment. More information about natural playground products can be found online at www.outdoorlearningenvironments.com.

The Gan Malibu play space will use natural elements as the foundation for endless play opportunities including an interactive grass hill slide built into the earth so children can safely slide down a steep incline, a water misting system, a custom designed climbing wall, sand play and a garden planting area. The play space also features a construction play area with loose parts important to cognitive development and an interactive play stage to foster imaginative play. This innovative play space will also feature a fun musical foot piano that appeals to the physical and musical sensibilities of young children between the ages of two and five.

Progressive Design Playgrounds Outdoor Learning Environments meet or exceed U.S. and International safety requirements.

About Progressive Design Playgrounds

Progressive Design Playgrounds designs and manufactures environmentally friendly commercial playground equipment, natural playgrounds, safety surfacing and recreation site furnishings. Based in Vista, California, Progressive Design Playgrounds' play structures and natural playgrounds are available worldwide through an extensive dealer network. For more information visit the company's website at www.pdplay.com or call 1.800.585.3131.

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