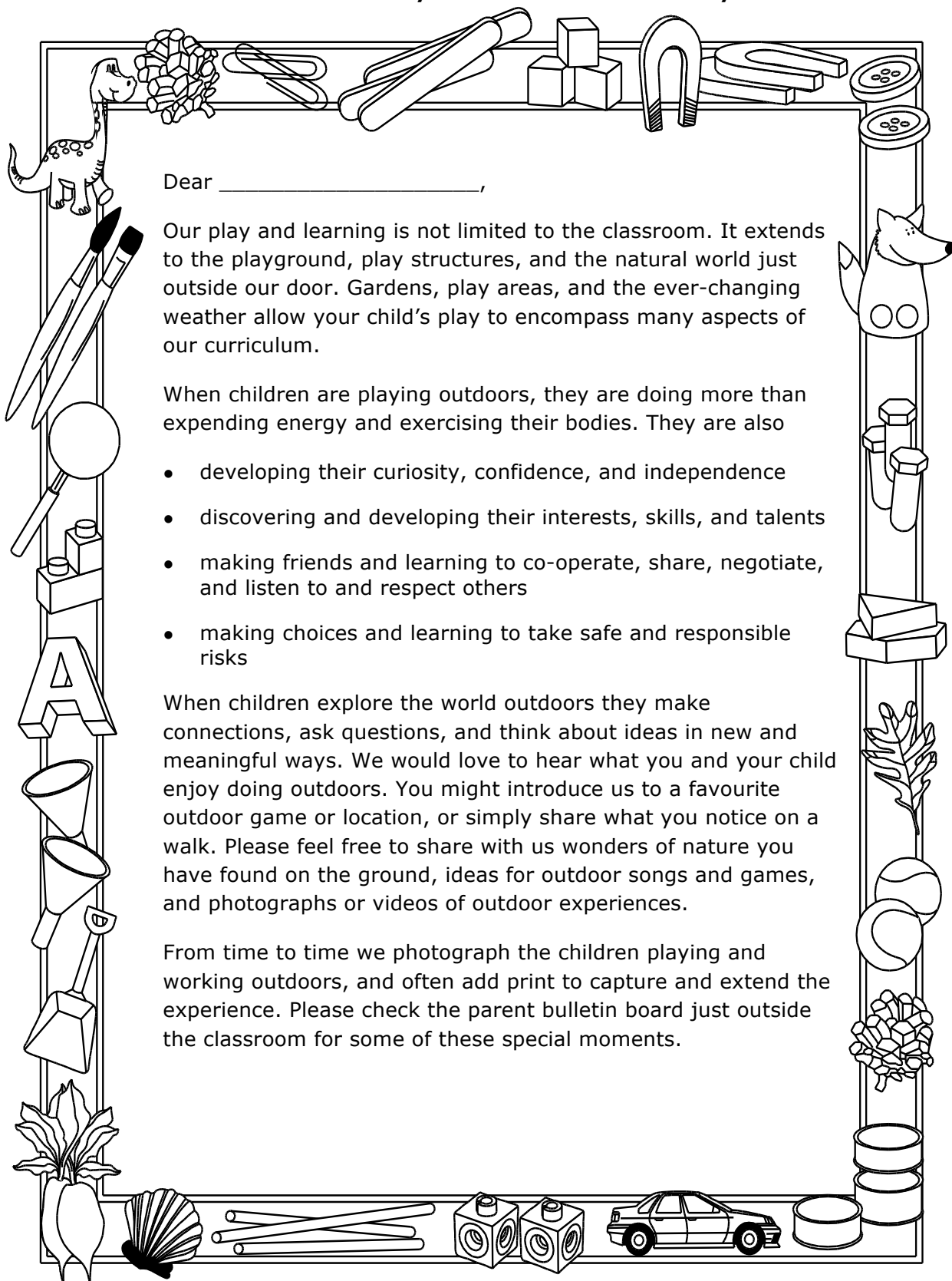


Please feel free to modify this text to make the letter your own.



Dear _____,

Our play and learning is not limited to the classroom. It extends to the playground, play structures, and the natural world just outside our door. Gardens, play areas, and the ever-changing weather allow your child's play to encompass many aspects of our curriculum.

When children are playing outdoors, they are doing more than expending energy and exercising their bodies. They are also

- developing their curiosity, confidence, and independence
- discovering and developing their interests, skills, and talents
- making friends and learning to co-operate, share, negotiate, and listen to and respect others
- making choices and learning to take safe and responsible risks

When children explore the world outdoors they make connections, ask questions, and think about ideas in new and meaningful ways. We would love to hear what you and your child enjoy doing outdoors. You might introduce us to a favourite outdoor game or location, or simply share what you notice on a walk. Please feel free to share with us wonders of nature you have found on the ground, ideas for outdoor songs and games, and photographs or videos of outdoor experiences.

From time to time we photograph the children playing and working outdoors, and often add print to capture and extend the experience. Please check the parent bulletin board just outside the classroom for some of these special moments.