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We are so fortunate to be able to send our daughter to Hazelwood Outdoor Kindergarten. This program and its teachers are instilling incredibly important values of connecting with nature, respecting and protecting our environment, and a love for the outdoors in the youngest children. These types of programs certainly provide preschool children with opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have in traditional preschools, such as utilizing the outdoors as a means to cope with difficult moments and big emotions. Our daughter has grown leaps and bounds since joining Hazelwood, and the joy she has for being outside, in all weather, is incredible. We wholeheartedly support this bill as all families should have equal access to outdoor education, regardless of socioeconomic status.