VISION

Mitchell Elementary's landscape will be a gathering place where children learn and develop identity through creative play.

GOALS

1) To create a gathering place for Mitchell Elementary students and Cole, Whittier, and Five Points community members.
2) To reinforce Mitchell's curriculum and vision in a landscape that promotes learning through creative play.
3) To increase recreational and physical educational opportunities for all age groups and ability levels.
4) To create rituals that establish a sense of timelessness and place sustained by school and community pride.
5) To celebrate Maria Mitchell and her contributions to education, science, and civil rights.

AESTHETIC ORDERING SYSTEM

Mitchell is named after Maria Mitchell, the famous nineteenth century scientist and educator who was the first acknowledged female astronomer—and the first woman to discover and have a comet named for her—in the United States. Maria Mitchell Elementary School is the only school named for the famous astronomer, teacher, and women's rights activist.

EXISTING SITE

We especially need imagination in science. It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but is somewhat beauty and poetry.
Maria Mitchell, Educator, Astronomer, Women’s Rights Activist

SPATIAL DIAGRAM

PROGRAM LIST

ECE play equipment
primary play equipment
intermediate play equipment
hard surface play: hopscotch (4), four square (3), basketball (2), wall ball (2), tetherball (3)
swings
play field and track
outdoor classroom and stage
grassy hills
boulder play area
shade structure
community garden
quiet gathering area
tree grove
gateway and entry plaza
expanded parking lot
dumpster relocation
drawing by Francisco, grade 2