

Learning Circle Preschool

Outline of the Day for Pre-K

- 8:45-9:00** **ARRIVAL TIME**
After signing in by answering the “question of the day”, children use open-ended materials (sand, water, blocks), use puzzles or look at books during this transition time from home to school. Parents are encouraged to participate with children for a few minutes before leaving, developing a plan with teachers about how to help children with a smooth and happy transition. Each child has a nametag; to mark the beginning of a child’s day at school, each child is encouraged to place their name on the designated board.
- 9:00-9:30** **MEETING AND TRANSITION TO OUTDOOR PLAY**
Children gather on the carpet in a circle to share news and conversation, sing songs, look at books, and participate in a presentation that relates to the day’s activities.
- 9:30-10:15** **OUTDOOR PLAY**
10:15-10:25 **MAKING INDOOR CHOICES AND TRANSITION TO PLAY**
Children gather briefly to choose places to play. A picture board serves as a visual tool to help children participate in suggestions about beginning choices.
- 10:25-11:45** **ACTIVITY PERIOD**
Children begin the play period with activities either suggested by the teacher or on their own, then make their own choices about places to play and materials to use.
SNACK
Snack is set up as one choice as children feel they are ready to eat. One teacher helps with the the hand washing process for snack. Children pour their own milk or water, and take their own share of snack.
- 11:45-12:05** **BOOK TIME/QUIET TIME**
As children finish their cleanups or snack, quiet time begins on the carpet, for a claming, relaxing time with a book. Children look at books alone, with a friend, or with teachers. Often, a whole group story is incorporated in this reading time.
HAND WASHING AND TRANSITION TO LUNCH
As children begin to finish their books, they wash hands and get ready for lunch.
- 12:05-12:35** **LUNCH**
Children bring a lunch from home to share with friends and teachers.
- 12:35-1:20** **REST TIME**
Children rest and relax on mats for a quiet and/or sleeping time
- 1:20-2:05** **ACTIVITY PERIOD**
After putting away mats, children make choices about activities in which they would like to participate
- 2:05-2:35** **OUTDOOR PLAY**
2:35-2:45 **END OF DAY MEETING/CLOSURE**
Parents wait outside the classroom until a teacher opens the door. When the door is opened, please come into the classroom; children will be waiting for you on the carpet. This allows the calmest transition for the children.

**Please note that times are approximate, and are intended to give a general sense of how the day flows

**Please note that children are toileted throughout the school day, as needed

**No field trips will be planned without advanced written permission from parents

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