

Learning Circle Preschool Outline of the Day for Morning Classes

8:30-8:45

ARRIVAL TIME

Children use open-ended materials (sand, water, and 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 the teacher 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.

8:45-9:10

MEETING AND TRANSITION TO THE PLAY PERIOD

Children gather on the carpet in a circle to share news and conversation, sing songs, look at books, or participate in a presentation that relates to the day's activities. Near the end of meeting, picture boards with places to begin play after meeting are used as a visual tool to help children participate in suggestions about beginning choices.

9:10-10:20

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

As children express readiness for snack, one teacher helps with the hand-washing process for snack. Children set their place, pour their own milk or water, and take their own share of snack.

CLEANING UP

As children finish their snack, clean up begins around the classroom. Teachers invite children to take a book to begin quiet time once they have completed a fair share of the cleaning.

10:20-10:45

BOOK TIME/QUIET TIME

As children finish their clean up jobs, quiet time begins on the carpet, for a calming, 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.

10:45-11:05

MUSIC AND CREATIVE MOVEMENT

11:05-11:35

OUTDOOR PLAY

11:35-END

MEETING TO SAY GOODBYE, COLLECT PAPERS, ETC.

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.

All times are approximate, and are adjusted daily to best meet the needs of the children.

**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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