

## PreK Class Schedule

For children turning 4 before August 31

9:00- 2:00 class

### Arrival:

Children transition to school and settle on their carpet squares in the Circle Area.

### Circle time:

Children and teachers gather together to start the morning. We sing the "Hello Song," then kids have a chance to choose songs. We update the calendar, read the next chapter in our chapter book, and read the "note of the day" which tells us what's happening today.

### Small Group:

Each teacher meets at a table with her group of 6 children to offer an art project, game, or other teacher initiated activity. It's a time to introduce new materials, offer projects that require more teacher supervision, continue on-going projects from day to day, and work on acquiring skills in a more structured way.

### Choice Time:

As children finish Small Group, they make plans for how they will spend Choice Time. They are free to choose activities from anywhere in the classroom (Art Area, Blocks, Book Corner, Pretend Area, Writing Table, Puzzles and Games, etc!) Teachers spend this time playing with groups of children or individuals, helping children engage in activities, solve problems, resolve conflicts, extend ideas, or try things in a new way. We spend an extended amount of time in Choice Time so children have the opportunity to get fully engaged in long term, complicated ideas and activities without interruption, and so they have a lot of time to acquire, practice, and use social skills.

### Toileting:

During Choice Time, one teacher assists as necessary as children go to the bathroom and wash their hands.

### Clean Up:

We work together to put things back where they belong.

### Recall Time:

We gather together at our Small Group tables to talk about our day. We often document this process to share the news of the day on our class bulletin board, which gives children practice representing their experiences in meaningful ways.

### Snack:

A relaxed time to re energize, and chat together around the table. We provide the snack, taking allergies or food restrictions into account.

### Outside Time:

We walk together to the Magnolia Community Center Playground, or the big play field. Kids hold hands with a partner on the way to and from the park, and everyone wears a bright, neon-yellow vest to make visibility easy!

### Lunch Time:

The class sits down together to eat the lunches they have brought from home. As the year progresses, and the class gets closer, Lunch Time is a wonderful time for friends to chat together and with their teachers in a relaxed, fun way.

### Book Time:

We end our time together by coming inside to gather and read books as parents arrive and begin to hear about our busy day!