

Early Preschool Program Schedule

For children turning 2 by Aug 31

Arrival:

Children transition to school, greet their teachers and friends, and say goodbye to their parents.

Choice Time:

As children arrive, teachers help them enter an activity to start Choice Time. They are free to choose activities from anywhere in the room, moving freely among the different areas (Art Area, Pretend, Blocks, Book Corner, Sensory Play, etc). Teachers spend this time playing with groups of children or individuals, helping children engage in activities, solve problems, negotiate conflicts, extend ideas, and try things in a new way.

During Choice Time, activities are offered at the table, such as an art project or game, as a way to begin participating in teacher-led activities. It is a time to introduce new materials, offer projects that require more teacher supervision, and work on acquiring skills in a more structured way. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate, but can do so as they like, and leave when they feel done.

Toileting:

During Choice Time, one teacher supervises and assists as necessary as children go to the bathroom (or get a diaper change) and wash hands.

Outside Time:

At some point during Choice Time, the group goes outside to our courtyard area together to get some fresh air! We offer activities like a climber and slide, riding toys, chalk, water play, sand, bubbles, etc!

Clean Up:

We work together to put things back where they belong.

Snack:

A relaxed time to re-energize, practice table manners, and talk about our day. We provide the snack, incorporating food allergies or restrictions as needed.

Circle Time:

Children and teachers sit together on the rug to sing songs together. We often end Circle Time with time to dance.

Book Time:

We end our morning by gathering together to read books as parents arrive and begin to hear about our busy day!