

Organization of the Day

Young Toddler Classroom

Greeting Time

Arrival time for the children is between 7:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Children develop their own ways of saying goodbye to parents; some children desire more time during this transition than others. All areas within the room are open for exploration. It is important that the children arrive by 10:00 a.m., as we come together as a community and move into our small group time.

Morning Snack

Snack is prepared in the kitchen. We begin to move to the dining room to enjoy the family-style meal around 9:15 a.m. Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. if you would like your child to join us for snack.

Diaper Changes

After snack, the children gather in the room to prepare for small group time. Diapers are changed, and older children who have displayed signs of toileting readiness are offered an opportunity to use the bathroom.

Story Time

After the children have finished their morning snack and diaper changes, we gather in small groups for an organized story time. As the year progresses, this time may develop into a whole group morning meeting. Story time begins around 10:15 a.m. Please arrive by this time so that your child can be involved in the morning activities from their beginnings.

Small Group Time

From story time we go into our planned small group work. This may include a trip to the playground, a walk around our community, work in the studio, classroom, or other areas within the Center. Explorations of materials, continued project work, and meaningful exploration of classroom areas are some examples of what might occur during small group time.

Lunch

We all come together again for a family-style lunch in the dining room at 11:30 a.m. The children eat at tables or highchairs in small groups with an educator. Once the children have settled into their new routines, parents are welcome to join us for lunch.

Diaper Changes and Rest Time

After lunch, the children's diapers are changed as they transition into rest time. The length of each child's nap varies, but all of the children do sleep. Soothing music is played in the classroom as the children fall asleep. Educators attend meetings and take their breaks during this time. Generally, the children begin to awaken between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Diaper Changes and Afternoon Snack

As the children wake up, their diapers are changed. We once again move to the dining room for our snack. This generally takes place between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Activities

If the weather permits, we go outside to the playground for the afternoon. Small group work, open explorations within the Center, and mixed-aged group activities may occur within these periods.

Late Day and Reuniting

Between 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. most parents and children prepare for the transition from the Center to their homes. Special messages and highlights of the day are also shared. If you would like to speak with an educator at length, we suggest that you arrive between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. **The Center closes promptly at 6:00 p.m.**