

Kaleidoscope School

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PRESCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mornings, 9:00-12:00

3-4 year olds

- 9:00 Arrival** Children transition to school and settle on their carpet squares in the circle area.
- 9:05 Circle Time** Children and teachers gather together as a group to start the morning. We sing the “Hello Song,” children have a chance to choose songs, then we might do movement games or tell and act-out stories. It’s also time to share news of special projects of the day, or to hear about things that have happened at home.
- 9:20 Small Group** Each teacher meets at a table with her group of children to offer an art project, game, or other special activity. It’s time to introduce new materials, offer projects that require more teacher supervision, work on acquiring and practicing skills in a more structured way, and continue on-going projects from day to day.
- 9:40 Choice Time** After Small Group, children make their plan for how they will spend Choice Time. They are free to choose activities from anywhere in the room, moving freely among the Learning Areas (Art Area, Writing Center, Puzzles and Games, Dancing Rug, Book Area, Pretend Area, Block Area, and Sensory Area). 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. 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.
- 10:30 Toileting** During Choice Time, one teacher supervises and assists as necessary as children go to the bathroom (or get a diaper change), and to wash hands.
- 11:00 Clean Up** We work together to put things back where they belong.
- 11:10 Snack** A relaxed time to re-energize, practice table manners, and talk about our day.
- 11:25 Movement** We facilitate gross motor activities, including dance, yoga, obstacle courses, Anne Gilbert’s Brain Dance, and , as the group matures, neighborhood walks to the nearby community center playground and field.
- 11:50 Book Time** We end our morning by coming inside to gather and read books together as parents arrive and begin to hear about our busy day!
- 12:00 Departure**