

Kaleidoscope School

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PRE-K CLASS SCHEDULE

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, 12:30-3:30

4-6 year olds

- 12:30 Arrival** Children transition to school and settle on their carpet squares in the circle area.
- 12:35 Circle Time** Children and teachers gather together as a group to start the morning. We sing the “Hello Song,” choose songs, and we update the calendar. We end Circle Time by reading the “Note of the Day,” which tells us what’s happening today.
- 12:55 Small Group** Each teacher meets at a table with her group of 6-7 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.
- 1:15 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.
- 2:10 Clean Up** We work together to put things back where they belong.
- 2:15 Recall Time** We gather again 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.
- 2:25 Snack** A relaxed pick-me-up to reenergize and practice table manners.
- 2:40 Book Time** We gather in the Book Area to recall and act out the chapter we read yesterday, then read the next chapter of our chapter book.
- 3:00 Outside** We safely walk to the community center playground or field for gross motor activities or participate in indoor activities, including dance, yoga, and Anne Gilbert’s Brain Dance.
- 3:20 Departure** We come back inside and read together while we wait for parents to pick up!