

The Daily Schedule

A daily schedule is essential to the basic structure of each day. Consistency enables Children to feel secure, giving them the confidence and freedom to explore the environment. Although consistency is important, it is also necessary to remain flexible. Extra time may be needed if children are particularly interested in an activity or topic of discussion.

A Well-Planned Schedule Will:

- Prioritize the need for children to interact with their peers, teachers, and learning materials.
- Allow sufficient time for children to initiate and complete activities, and participate in creative movement and self-expression.
- Alternate active and less active learning moments rather than lengthy periods of sitting still.
- Respect the need for young children to rest or be active as is appropriate and does not compromise quality learning time.
- Reflect integrated teaching rather than class time separated subject by subject.
- Provide ample time for children to learn through center-based instruction.
- Allow for smooth transitions between activities or classrooms, with the teacher capitalizing on these transitions or learning moments.
- Provide opportunities for children to share with the group and take pride in their accomplishments.
- Structure time for collaborative planning so that students develop ownership with classroom learning activities.