

TODDLER DAILY ROUTINE

6:30 to 8:30	School opens; Montessori classroom time, Care of Self / Environment, Books, Socialization, Food Preparation, Diapering and Toileting
8:00 to 9:00	Snack
9:00-9:30	Clean Up Time
9:30 to 10:00	Circle Time
10:00 to 10:45	Playground Time
10:45 to 11:00	Circle time
11:00 to 11:30	Lunch Time
11:30 to 12:00	Diapering/Lunch Clean up. Prepare for nap: clean faces & hands, make nap beds.
12:00 to 2:30	Nap / Rest Time
2:30 to 3:00	Wake up, Diapering/Toileting Snack, Prepare for Outside
3:00 to 3:15	Group Time
3:15 to 4:00	Outside Time
4:00 to 4:30	Inside Work Time
4:30 to 6:00	Story Time, Art, Free Choice, Snack, Diapering /Toileting

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*Because Montessori philosophy is child centered, the above schedule is approximate. We follow the children's interests and energy levels!

Developing independence within a Montessori toddler classroom is a main focus. Children are allowed and encouraged to do most daily tasks for themselves, especially "care of self", such as dressing/undressing, putting on and taking off shoes and coats, cleaning up their own work, eating, carrying and making their own nap beds and toileting. It is amazing to see what they can do for themselves when given the opportunity!

Circle time is a time for the children to come together as a group. We practice sitting still (keeping our hands and bodies under control), listening and singing songs, dancing and building vocabulary, both in English and Spanish. The children really enjoy this time and love to participate in games, songs and finger plays.

*Children's diapers are checked throughout the day and are changed as needed, at least every hour. Those in underwear are reminded and taken to the potty every 45 minutes to help ensure success.