



Toddler Class Transition Schedule 2018

Date:	Schedule:
Thursday, September 6th	One-hour orientation with a parent 9:00 – 10:00
Friday, September 7th	One-hour day 9:00 – 10:00
Wednesday, September 12th	Two-hour day 9:00 – 11:00
Thursday, September 13th	Two-hour day 9:00 – 11:00
Friday, September 14th	Two-hour day 9:00 – 11:00
Thursday, September 20th	First full day 9:00 – 12:00
Friday, September 21st	Second full day 9:00 – 12:00
Wednesday, September 26 th – Friday, September 28 th	Full days 9:00 – 12:00
Wednesday, October 3rd	Regular Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday schedule begins 9:00 – 12:00

The transition schedule is intended to facilitate a positive first experience at school for your child. There is so much to learn and children need time to adjust to the new routines and develop secure connections with their teachers. This gradual introduction to the classroom also helps to minimize any anxiety children might experience when separating from their parents. **Although the Toddler program runs three days a week (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday), during the month of September we are adding Friday's to the schedule. With all the holiday breaks this helps to create some consistency for the children.**

On the first day of school (Thursday, September 6th), parents of children in the Toddler class are asked to stay for the full one-hour period. This gives the children a chance to become comfortable in the classroom and begin to bond with their teachers without worrying about their parents leaving. We ask that only one parent (or caregiver) accompany each child and that no siblings are brought along. On the second day of school (Friday, September 7th), parents are asked to stay for the first few minutes to help engage their children in an activity before leaving with a quick goodbye for the one-hour school day. The following week, Wednesday, September 12th to Friday, September 14th, the school day runs from 9:00 to 11:00. The week after that, we begin the full day program from 9:00 – 12:00 (Thursday and Friday, September 20th and 21st). **Please note that even if your child is not registered for some of these transitional days we encourage you to bring them to school for every day that school is in session during the month of September.**

Although most children adjust easily, some can take longer to settle into school. Arrange to pick up your child early if it is too difficult for him or her to be there for the whole time without you. Keep lengthening the time you leave your child in school until he or she can manage the full day.