



Transition Schedule 2018 – 2s, 3s, Pre K

Date:	Class:	Schedule:
Thursday, September 6th	Two's	<p style="text-align: center;">One-hour orientation with a parent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 – 10:00 Last names A-H 11:00 – 12:00 Last names I-Z</p>
	Three's	<p style="text-align: center;">One-hour orientation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 – 10:00 Last names A-H 11:00 – 12:00 Last names I-Z</p>
	Pre-K	<p style="text-align: center;">Shortened day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 – 12:00</p>
Friday, September 7th	Two's	<p style="text-align: center;">One-hour day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 – 10:00 Last names A-H 11:00 – 12:00 Last names I-Z</p>
	Three's	<p style="text-align: center;">Shortened day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 – 11:00</p>
	Pre-K	<p style="text-align: center;">Shortened day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 – 12:00</p>
Wednesday, September 12th	Two's	<p style="text-align: center;">Shortened day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 – 11:00</p>
	Three's	<p style="text-align: center;">First full day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 - 12:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>* Lunch hour program for Three's (12:00-1:00) begins Thursday, September 13th</small></p>
	Pre-K	<p style="text-align: center;">First full day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 - 1:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>* Clubs (1:00-2:00) begin Monday, September 17th</small></p>
Thursday, September 13th	Two's	<p style="text-align: center;">First full day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 – 12:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>* Lunch hour program for Two's (12:00-1:00) begins Friday, September 14th</small></p>
	Three's	<p style="text-align: center;">Second full day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 - 1:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>* Clubs (1:00-2:00) begin Monday, September 17th</small></p>
	Pre-K	<p style="text-align: center;">Second full day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 - 1:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>* Clubs (1:00-2:00) begin Monday, September 17th</small></p>

Transition Information 2018

The transition schedule is intended to facilitate a smooth beginning of school for your child. Even if it is not his or her first experience in school, starting a new year in a different classroom with unfamiliar teachers can be stressful. So much information is introduced during the first days and children need time to adjust. Having a gradual entry period is a practice utilized by most quality early education programs because it promotes a relaxed and positive tone in the classroom, encourages the development of secure relationships, and minimizes anxiety that children may experience. Please find detailed information about the transition plan for each class below and a concise schedule on the reverse side.

Nursery Aleph (Two's): On the first day of school (Thursday, September 6th), parents of children in the Nursery Aleph class are asked to stay in the classroom for the whole 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. On Wednesday, September 12th, Nursery Aleph children have a two-hour day and on Thursday, September 13th, they have a three-hour day. The lunch hour program for the Two's class begins the following day on Friday, September 14th. Please note that even if your child is not registered for school on Thursday's or on Friday's, they should still come to school for the first two transitional days (Thursday, September 6th and Friday, September 7th). If your child is not registered for Wednesday's or Thursday's (the third and fourth days of school), you can follow the schedule for those days on your child's own particular third and fourth days. The classroom teachers will review the schedule with you.

Nursery Bet (Three's): On the first day of school (Thursday, September 6th), Nursery Bet children have a one-hour day with half the children in their class. The smaller group allows for a calmer and more intimate environment in which the teachers and children can begin getting to know each other. The shortened day gives the children a more gradual introduction to the routines of their new classroom. On the second day of school (Friday, September 7th), the full group comes together for another shortened day (two hours) as they continue to acclimate. During the first two transitional days, parents are asked to stay for a few minutes to help engage their children in an activity, before leaving with a quick goodbye. Nursery Bet begins a regular schedule on Wednesday, September 12th from 9:00 – 12:00, however the lunch hour program begins the next day on Thursday, September 13th from 12:00 – 1:00. Please note that the optional Club program (1:00-2:00) does not begin until the following week on Monday, September 17th.

Pre-K (Four's): On the first and second days of school (Thursday, September 6th and Friday, September 7th), Pre-K children have a shortened day from 9:00-12:00. Parents should leave with a quick goodbye when their children seem comfortable and engaged in the classroom. The first full day of school for the Pre-K class is on Wednesday, September 12th (until 1:00), however the optional Club program (1:00-2:00) does not begin until the following week on Monday, September 17th.

For all classes: When bringing your child to school after these intermediate days, continue to help him or her acclimate to the classroom for a minute or two and then say a quick goodbye. Delaying your departure will make it more difficult for your child to become engrossed in their school day. Although most children will adjust easily, some might experience separation anxiety and 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 remaining time without you. Keep lengthening the time you leave your child in school until he or she can manage the full day.