

Daily Schedule
Great Start Readiness Program
Creative Minds Learning Center #1

- 8:00 – 8:15 **Arrival/Bathroom/Table Toys** – Children enter the classroom at their own pace, using the restroom upon arrival. Children have choices between table activities as well as sign in for the day.
- 8:15 – 8:30 **Greeting Time/Message Board** – Children will gather as a large group and prepare for their day. Time will be allotted and greet their friends to school as well as talk about daily/weekly activities. Children wash hands before eating breakfast.
- 8:35-8:50 **Breakfast** – Children are given the choice between a variety of breakfast options at their small group table. Children will assist in clean up when breakfast is completed.
- 8:50 - 9:00 **Planning Time** – Time is given for children to plan out their work time activities in a developmentally appropriate manner.
- 9:00 – 10:00 **Work Time** – This is a designated hour of uninterrupted children’s free choice time. Children always initiate activities and carry out their intentions. Children make many choices on where and how to use the provided materials. Adults participate as partners in children’s learning experiences as well as encourage children’s problem solving during times of social conflict.
- 10:00-10:20 **Clean-Up/Recall** – Children work as a team to clean up the different centers in the classroom. Children are then given the opportunity to share their work time experiences as a small group.
- 10:20-10:35 **Independent Work Time** – Children have the option to participate in quiet activities, such as books, puzzles, or journals.
- 10:40-10:55 **Small Group Time** – Group time consists of adult-guided activities based on children’s interests. Children explore, play, and work with materials, adults, and other children while discussing their actions. Children are involved in the clean-up process after exploration is complete.
(Prepare for Outside Time: 5 Minutes)
- 11:00-11:30 **Outside Time** – Children will have access to outside playground equipment to enhance gross motor development.
(Weather Permitting)
- 11:30-11:45 **Bathroom/Prepare for Lunch** – Children will practice a healthy lifestyle by washing hands before lunch.
- 11:45-12:15 **Lunch** –Children participate in family-style meals, where children care for their own needs with adult guidance.
- 12:20-12:35 **Music and Movement/Large Motor** - Children work as a large group in planned activities that involve aesthetic movements and rhythms.
- 12:40-12:50 **Bathroom/Tooth Brushing*** – In order to advocate a healthy lifestyle, children will participate in large group tooth brushing, learning the essential techniques for proper teeth cleaning.
- 1:00-1:45 **Quiet/Rest Time** – Resting is for sleeping or quiet relaxation on individual cots. Rest time includes books and soft music.
- 1:45-2:00 **Prepare to Go Home** – Children wake from rest and pack backpacks to prepare to go home.
- 2:00 – 2:15 **Snack** – Children will receive a nutritional snack to rejuvenate for afternoon activities.
(Prepare for Outside Time: 5 Minutes)
- 2:20-2:50 **Outside Time** – Children will have access to outside playground equipment to enhance gross motor development.
(Weather Permitting)
- 2:50-3:00 **Dismissal** –Students will gather at end of day to recap days events as well as bid farewell to friends for the day.

*Tooth brushing begins later in the school year.
Schedule is tentative and likely to change.



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