

Nature School Daily Schedule

Please note our schedule is flexible and can adjust due to student interest, weather and teachable moments.

9 AM | Student Drop-off

9–10 AM | Choice Time

Children follow their interests and curiosities alongside their classmates and teachers in the Outdoor Classroom. In addition to a rich natural environment, the Outdoor Classroom provides children with climbing logs, science tools, working tools, hammocks and a mud kitchen. Choice time also allows for key social skill practice as children communicate, collaborate, negotiate and problem solve.

10:00–10:30 AM | Circle Time and Snack

Circle time includes a welcome song or activity and review of the daily schedule while children enjoy a snack brought from home.

10:30–11:15 AM | Explore

Outdoor exploration encourages children to use their senses as they gather observations of the world around them. Exploration destinations include the various habitats found throughout the park: forests, wetlands, grassy fields, creeks, the Mississippi River and Coon Rapids Dam. Nature School staff foster the development of curiosity, self-regulation and risk assessment as the group explores an ever-changing landscape.

11:15–11:30 AM | Nature Notes

Children gather as a group to share their observations, reflections and questions from the day. Where would like to explore next, and what do they wish to learn more about?

11:30 AM | Goodbyes and Student Pick-up

