

Nature School Daily Rhythm

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

9 AM | Student Drop-off

9–9:45 AM | Choice Time

Children follow their interests and curiosities alongside their classmates and teachers. In addition to a rich natural environment, children will be provided with opportunities to use scientific tools, working tools, mud kitchen materials, and loose parts. Choice time also allows for key social skill practice as children communicate, collaborate, negotiate and problem solve.

9:45–10:15 AM | Circle Time and Snack

Circle time includes a review of the daily schedule while children enjoy a snack brought from home. Children will be encouraged to share their observations of seasonal changes taking place in nature. Circle time may also include occasional stories, puppets, and songs.

10:15–11:15 AM | Explore

Outdoor exploration encourages children to use their senses as they gather observations of the world around them. Exploration destinations include habitats found throughout the park such as forest, wetland, field, creek, and Mississippi River. 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 | Reflection

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

11:30 AM | Student Pick-up

