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We work in "stations" daily. This promotes excellent peer communication for the children as they learn to work together. This also encourages the children to use their time wisely. Station time is a great time for the teachers to work one on one or in small groups with the children. Station time is subject to change with seasons and activity of the day.

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***We highly recommend that all children arrive by 8:45am.** Circle time begins at 9:00 and we like the children to come in and get settled before we begin our day. Later arrivals can be disruptive. Circle time is a vital part of your child's educational experience. This is our time to say good morning, assign classroom jobs for the day, sing songs, and learn the pledge of allegiance. We use the calendar to learn the days of the week and months of the year as well as a tool for counting. Classroom jobs are a large part of giving the children a sense of responsibility.

Tiny Town offers a developmental screening annually. This is a team of speech therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, special education, child psychologists, and social workers. This team is developed by the company we choose to use and will offer insight on your child or any specific concerns. This is completely OPTIONAL and will be discussed with you before any screenings take place. If the teachers or you the parent have a concern about your child anytime throughout the year- please feel free to bring it to the teacher's attention and we have many resources available to us.

Extra Clothes- We ask that you keep **2** full sets of clothes in the classroom so when spills or accidents happen we are prepared. This includes: Shirts, Pants, Socks, Shoes, Underwear. Please send clothes that are weather appropriate.

Bedding- Please supply clean bedding every Monday. We do not keep bedding for more than the week. This helps us to keep illness at a minimum. All bedding is to be taken home to be cleaned on Friday. Bedding includes: small fitted sheet, a blanket to completely cover your child, and a pillow if your child wants one.

Supply Request- At the beginning of each month we ask that you supply us with two of the following: 5oz cups, wipes, tissues. The teachers will let you know which supplies they are in need of that month. Please keep up to date.

Celebrations- We will have classroom parties for the following holidays. Halloween (We do a parade), Thanksgiving (We have a feast with pre-school), Christmas (Santa usually visits), Valentines, and Easter. Your child's birthday is also a special celebration. Please make arrangements with your child's teacher to help accommodate allergies in the classroom. We ask that if you are having a party to not place invitations on folders if you are not inviting the whole class. We have numerous problems with hurt feelings.

Classroom Schedule

6:30-8:45 Free Play / Breakfast (Breakfast will be from home and prepared by the parent before leaving. Breakfast will be done before snack.)

8:45-9:00 Clean up time

9:00-9:20 Circle Time

9:20-9:30 Snack (provided by Tiny Town)

9:30-10:30 Station time

10:30-11:45 large motor- Outside / Music and movement

11:45-12:15 lunch set up / Bathroom time

12:15-12:35 lunch

12:35-1:00 Clean up, hand washing /setup for quiet time

1:00-2:30 Quiet time/nap children will have an opportunity to nap or simply take a break from our busy day. *those children who do not fall asleep will be able to have quiet activities available to do.

2:30 Wake up, Prepare for afternoon

3:00 Snack

3:20-3:40 afternoon circle/ weekly reader 5

3:40-6:00 large group activity / Outside (weather permitting)

Schedule is subject to change per teacher and classroom needs as well as summer vs. fall.