





**Arrival:** Students will enter the preschool classroom and put away their belongings. Each child will wash their hands and move onto exploring table toys as their peers participate in the arrival routine.

**Morning Meeting:** During this time, students will engage in whole group learning, focusing on the current Creative Curriculum study.

**Student Choice Time:** One hour of uninterrupted student choice time is built into our daily schedule. Student Choice Time centers around different interest areas in the classroom and encourages children to be independent in their educational choices, socialize with peers, explore math, science, and literacy manipulatives, and fosters a love of learning through play.

**Snack Time:** Snack will be provided through the Preschool for All (PFA) program. Students will have two choices of food items to choose from. Please let our School Nurse, Dolores Fischinger, know if your child has any food allergies ([dfischinger@norridge80.net](mailto:dfischinger@norridge80.net)).

**Read Aloud:** Children will engage in literacy experiences and book discussions during Read Aloud Time. Books encourage the use of language, social-emotional development, and promote higher level thinking with open-ended questions. These experiences spark children's thinking and encourage them to describe, explain, predict, and brainstorm.

**Gross Motor:** Gross motor skills are movements such as hopping, climbing, running, or crawling. Young children need experience with these types of motor skills as they develop, because they help children learn how to coordinate and control body movements. Preschool students will have the opportunity to work on their gross motor skills while on the playground each school day if the weather permits.

**Closing Circle:** We will reflect on our school day and engage in music/movement activities.

## Potty Training

If your child is still working on toilet training, please send in extra diapers/pull-ups, as well as baby wipes, to help with the changing process. Each Preschool classroom has its own bathroom. Students will be reminded to use the bathroom throughout the school day. Communicate with your child's teacher about any bathroom needs that are pertinent to your child at school.

## Supply List

Please send your child with a backpack every day to school. Please send an extra set of labeled clothing for your child to keep at school (shirt, pants, underwear, socks, and shoes) seasonally



appropriate that can be easily swapped out for each season. No other supplies are required. Everything will be provided by the school, including a healthy snack. Reusable water bottles are optional, but not required.

### **Clothing Suggestions / Considerations**

Please send your child to school ready to play. Children in preschool play outside daily, and will get dirty. On your child's first day of school we ask that you send an extra set of labeled clothing for your child to keep at school (shirt, pants, underwear, socks, and shoes) that is seasonally appropriate. Children should have shoes that are comfortable and allow for moving, running, jumping and climbing. Please no flip flops, Crocs, or sandals. Students play outside daily unless it is raining, in 25-90 degrees including heat and wind chill. In order for your children to remain warm, dry and safe on the playground, we ask parents to send your child in proper winter weather clothing (coats, hats, gloves, boots, ect.) during the colder months.