

## A Typical Day in the Part Day Program: Circle Time (Starting at 9AM)

Children join teachers in circle by the message board to discuss any events of the day, go over the calendar and weather, introduce visitors, etc. This circle time provides the children with an opportunity to hone self-regulation, as well as establish their expectations for the day ahead.

## Outside Time

The children will engage in many outdoor learning opportunities in almost all types of weather. From games that encourage gross motor development, to art in fresh air, children will discover the rich imaginative possibilities of the outdoor world. Teachers will ensure safety through purposeful facilitating.

## Snack

Snack provides a wonderful chance for the class to become a community. We encourage children to engage in conversation about whatever is on their minds as this is a critical time for establishing healthy meal time habits. It also provides the children with the fuel they need for the rest of their busy morning!

## Small or Large Group Activity

Teachers and children will work together in groups on various activities or projects that will have different formats based on the “emerging” curriculum. This will involve a variety of materials as well as learning objectives which are supported by the Vermont Early Learning Standards. Children will learn the valuable skill of teamwork and collaboration, while simultaneously increasing their independence, self-awareness and social skills with peers and adults.

## Choice Time

As children finish with their activity, they will be encouraged to choose what they do next. This free choice time allows for children to direct their own play and allows teachers a valuable chance to observe where children’s interests lie and what they are developmentally trying to discover. Choice time offers a backdrop for social interaction, problem solving and child directed learning. Teachers will be there to observe, facilitate and scaffold each child’s learning experience.

## Closing Circle

Each day we take time to say goodbye to friends, reflect on what we learned and talk about what we will do next time!