

Dear Parents,

In order to achieve the many goals of our school program, we need to attend to every child's basic physical needs. It is unfair to expect children to sit up straight and keep listening quietly at the end of the day. To ensure success, we need to build physical activities into the schedule at appropriate times, and make sure that a nutritional snack is available to children when they are hungry. Activities will differ depending on the developmental needs of the children attending.

The children have just been in a structured routine for 7 hours. They need some "downtime", a snack, and physical activity to let off steam. I foresee some programs and activities throughout the year, but the main focus should be on having a safe place to relax and enjoy the company of friends until the parents can come and get them. We will have computer time, games, assist with some (not all) homework, and engage in some craft activities. We will have to find out what the children want to do as well. Their input is extremely important. The program will fail if we do not plan it around the childrens' interests.

In order to keep the cost down, there will be no extra monies to fund expensive equipment and activities. I feel most of the children have opportunities for organized activities in and around the community; therefore our goal will be to provide an inexpensive alternative to daycare, rather than offering lots of additional enrichment.

Tentative schedule:

3:15 to 3:30 Free Play

3:30 to 3:45 Snacks

3:45 to 4:55 Monday: Computer Lab Day

Tuesday: Game Day (organized, board, card, etc.)

Wednesday: Craft Day

Thursday: Specials (speakers, community helpers, etc. or additional computer day)

4:55-5:00 Dismissal

We will make changes as necessary but this will give you an idea of what the program will be like.

Your cooperation and patience is appreciated as we begin a new school year with Right on Kidz.

Cindy Bullerman