

Compass Schedule and Descriptors

APRIL

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Healthy Snack: Starting with a healthy snack ensures the students have the energy they need for the following activities.

Outdoor Open-Ended Play (Weather Permitting): This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get some fresh air, exercise, and use their imaginations. Open-ended play allows them to explore, create, and problem-solve independently or with friends. **Friendly reminder that boots and proper jackets are a need for us to get outside in compass!**

Activity/Homework Time: This provides flexibility. Students can participate in a small activity led by the program staff, or they can choose to work on their homework in a supervised setting. For our younger friends they have a small choice activity that will be led by staff.

Reminder: Compass kicks off with a delicious and nutritious snack to refuel our young learners. Then, it's choice time! Students can unleash their creativity with a fun, small group activity led by our staff, or they can catch up on schoolwork in a quiet space with support available. To wrap up the afternoon, we'll head outdoors (weather permitting) for open-ended play! This is their chance to explore, build, imagine, and run wild in a safe and stimulating environment. Please remember to send your students with weather appropriate clothes. We will also be refilling and using water bottles to stay hydrated outside. During free play, we offer a structured activity based on daily and monthly themes. We will allow opportunities for student input, student leadership, and facilitation of activities whenever there is interest and it is possible. There will be adequate supervision of students at all times and during all activities.

Compass learning opportunities this month:

Earth Day: Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22nd. And this event is used to help support and protect our environment. As a class we are going to come up with ways to help keep our earth clean. We will make recycling signs and posters.

Poetry: We will learn what a poem is, and then start by making name poems or better known as acrostic poems. Use classic nursery rhymes or create simple, repetitive poems with corresponding actions. Example: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" with hand motions (twinkling fingers, reaching up). "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" is another classic. I would like kids to try to make up their own poem similar to one they might know.

Easter: Egg Drop Challenge the kids will design and build contraptions to protect an egg from a fall, teaching engineering principles. Easter Egg Hunts (with Modifications) Instead of candy, fill eggs with clues for a scavenger hunt or small educational rewards.