# A "Typical" Day Stepping Stones Classroom

# 7:45-8:15 Classroom Set Up- Teachers Only

Our teachers value setting up the classroom daily to inspire creativity, provoke learning and maintain a clean, comfortable and predictable environment. Teachers will open the double doors to the Preschool at 8:15 when they are ready to greet you and invite the children into class. Please wait in the Lobby until class starts.

### 8:15-9:30 Check In / Free Play- Welcome in students

Children put away belongings, check in, wash hands and answer the Question of the Day then explore the classroom's activities and events for the day.

# 9:30-10:05 Clean Up, Wash Hands and Morning Meeting

The children clean up the area they are working in, wash their hands and join the whole group on the carpet. Morning meeting is a whole group time where the children share ideas, have discussions, read stories, sing songs, play games and participate in whole group explorations and experiences. On Mondays, (Newsflash) the children share news. On Wednesdays, (Graphics Practice) the children practice writing with prompts. On Fridays, (Partner Activity) the children work in pairs and practice social skills.

#### 10:05-10:35 Recess

We either go to the outdoor playground, the indoor playground, the turf field or the gym. We play, play group games and use a variety of equipment.

### 10:35-11:00 Rest and Relax, Bathroom and Wash Hands

We turn the lights down, play soft music, regulate our breathing and slow down our heart rate.

#### 11:00-11:35 Lunch and Wash Hands

### 11:35-11:55 Whole Group Activity

This is an extension of our Morning Meeting. We do whole group art, music, movement, STEAM challenges, and more.

# 11:55-1:00 Centers followed by Clean Up and Pack Up

The Children are introduced to the center activities and use their planning tags to plan their day and navigate the classroom. Center activities are generally more focused and structured than Free Play activities. Sometimes certain centers are required. Following Centers, the children gather and pack up their work and belongings and meet back at the carpet.

# 1:00-1:15 Closing Meeting

We end our day with a story, sharing, games and challenges and sing our Goodbye song.