

Compass Schedule and Descriptors

November

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

30 Minutes of 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.

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.

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:

Gratitude and Kindness: Children write what they're thankful for on colorful paper leaves and add them to a large tree display. Watch the tree grow with gratitude all week! Each child writes a kind act or message on a paper link to build a growing "Kindness Chain" around the room.

Alternatively, create kindness-themed posters to hang in hallways and classrooms. Kids can create heartfelt cards for teachers, parents, friends, or community helpers.

Fantasy: Develop a detailed fantasy world with its own rules, creatures, and history. Tell a tale filled with magic, adventure, and mythical creatures. Construct a miniature scene from your favorite fantasy world. Create fantasy-themed crafts, such as dragon eggs or enchanted potions. Design your own fantasy world and rules for a custom role-playing game.

Thanksgiving: Write down things you're thankful for throughout the day. Enjoy games like "Gobble Gobble" or "Turkey Trot." We will have our own Compass Thanksgiving, I do ask your student(s) if they attend compass the day before Thanksgiving break to bring in their favorite snack for compass to share with the class.