

Compass Schedule and Descriptors

March

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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, 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. To wrap up the afternoon, 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. 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:

St. Patrick's Day: Leprechaun hunts are a classic St. Patrick's Day activity that gets kids excited and engaged. They encourage problem-solving, teamwork, and exploration. Irish folk tales, traditional Irish music and dance.

Weather: Make a rain gauge, learn about different types of clouds, discuss weather safety, create weather-related art

Dr. Seuss: Read Dr. Seuss books, create Seuss-inspired art, like have a "Green Eggs and Ham" day. "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" Obstacle Course where the students can create an obstacle course inspired by the book, with challenges like hopping over "Sneetches" and crawling under "Wockets in Pockets."