



School-Aged Group

Children can join the School-Aged Group when they enter kindergarten and can remain through the completion of 5th grade.

During the year, CLEC provides before and after-school care for school-aged children and some full days when school is not in session (see Family Handbook). This program becomes a full-day program in the summer.

The mornings before school are primarily spent eating breakfast and free choice activities, due to the limited time before the school bus arrives to take children to school. Time directly after school is a mix of self-directed relaxation and group structured activities to debrief from the school day. There is an opportunity for eating a snack, completing homework and outside time before being picked up. Group activities which focus on social/emotional development and team building will be intermixed with free choice activities such as games or crafts. Building a healthy community of peers is an important component for this age group.

During the full-day summer program for the elementary aged group, children participate in planning the group's activities which reflect the group's interests, and explore learning topics of their choice through the *Project Based Learning (PBL) Approach* to learning. Enrichment activities may include inviting community experts to share skills and hobbies, volunteering in the community garden, or week-long theme-based camps (engineering, cooking, etc.) Planning for summer 2023 will occur over the 2022-2023 school year and will include student input, so details will be forthcoming.

Before School

06:30-07:25 Students arrive, eat breakfast, prepare for bus

07:25-07:45 Bus arrives

After School

03:14-03:30 Bus arrives, put backpacks inside, bathrooms and handwashing

03:30-03:45 Outside free play

03:45-04:05 Handwashing and snack

04:05-04:45 Homework/Projects/Hobby time

04:45-05:15 Outdoor play

05:15-06:00 Free choice activities and prepare for pick-up

Summer School-Aged Schedule

06:30-08:30	Arrival and free choice activities
07:30-08:00	Handwashing and breakfast
08:30-09:30	Craft option or board/card games
09:30-10:00	Handwashing and snack
10:00-12:00	Group activity
12:00-12:30	Bathrooms, handwashing and lunch
12:30-01:15	Handwashing and read books
01:15-03:00	Group activity
03:00-03:30	Snack
03:30-05:00	Outside/Group Challenge
05:00-05:30	Handwashing and board games

Items to bring to care (label all items with the child's name):

Change of clothing - in a labeled ziplock bag

Reading book during the summer

Items NOT to bring:

Toys or stuffed animals from home

Quilts or pillows

Electronic gaming machines or cell phones

Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or cough syrup

Sunscreen provided by CELC if *over-the-counter skin products authorization form* is signed

A menu of breakfasts and snacks provided by CELC is posted in each classroom at the family check-in location. Children are served a variety of healthy foods. Children are allowed second helpings as desired. When school-age children attend the Center for full days, families shall provide a packed lunch. Any food remaining from lunch is discarded, not sent home. Possible upgrades to the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren kitchen are currently being studied. For this reason, lunch preparation and dishwashing capabilities are inaccessible to the CELC. If the kitchen becomes available in the future, the Center will reassess meal preparation and clean up options with the possibility of providing lunch.