



2s and 3s Room

The 2s and 3s classroom is a busy place where children are physically mobile and increasingly more verbally engaging with one another. Teachers provide a variety of teacher-directed and self-chosen activities. In this age group, teachers promote independent self-care skills at a developmentally appropriate level, such as putting toys away and putting on their own clothing and shoes. Teachers and parents work together to determine a child's readiness for the toilet training process. Optimally, children will be toilet trained before moving to the next age grouping.

Across the Center, teachers practice the play-based approach which encourages interactions that help to stretch children's thinking to higher levels. In addition, the teachers in this room introduce the children to the *Project-Based Approach* to learning. This is an interactive, experience-based way of exploring and developing children's interests. Teachers build on the natural curiosity of children to help them learn new concepts. This approach incorporates developmentally appropriate literacy, math, and science-focused activities.

06:30-08:30	Greeting and talk with parents / free choice play
07:30-08:00	Handwashing and breakfast
08:00-08:30	Large group activity then free choice
08:30-09:00	Diapers for those arriving before 7:00 and handwashing, story time at the table
09:00-09:30	Snack
09:30-10:00	Handwashing (later arrival diapers), prepare for outside
10:00-10:45	Outside play
10:45-11:15	Handwashing, small group activity
11:15-11:30	Free choice play and diapers, handwashing
11:30-12:00	Lunch, cleanup, and nap prep
12:00-12:15	Diaper changes and handwashing
12:15-02:15	Rest time (diaper changes and handwashing at the end of rest)
02:15-03:00	Table top activities/small group activities
03:00-03:15	Story time and handwashing
03:15-03:45	Snack
03:45-04:15	Diaper changes, handwashing, and prepare for outside
04:15-05:15	Outside play
05:15-05:30	Free play and goodbyes

ITEMS TO BRING TO CARE (label all items with the child's name):

Sippy cups brought daily and returned clean the next day (4)

Cot-sized blanket to be left on the child's cot and washed weekly at CELC

Pacifier - If your child uses a pacifier, it is only used at rest time as this is the stage of great language development and pacifiers inhibit the ability to speak clearly and be understood. During the school year, children will give up the use of pacifiers. They are not used in the 3s classroom

Diapers / Pull-Ups

If using cloth diapers - **Parents provide a small foot-operated trash receptacle.**

Wipes - store-purchased, sealed

Diaper rash cream – Must sign a *Written Medication Consent* form

Two sets of extra weather-appropriate clothing, socks, (and underwear, if applicable) - labeled with the child's initials

Rain boots and a rain jacket to leave at CELC

Weather-appropriate outerwear (bring daily)

ITEMS NOT TO BRING:

Toys or stuffed animals from home

Snacks

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

Flip-flops

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

Children in the 2s and 3s room sleep or rest quietly on cots for a 2-hour rest period daily. Children are provided books to look at if they do not sleep and quiet activities to play with on their cots if they wake before the rest period is complete. Children are allowed to sleep beyond the designated rest time as needed. Sheets and blankets are washed weekly at CELC.

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 and teachers avoid food which may be a choking hazard for young children. Children are allowed second helpings as desired. Families shall provide a packed lunch for their children daily. 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.