



Dolphins Daily Schedule

7:00 – 8:30 Arrival/Free Play

8:30 – 8:50 Morning Snack

8:50 – 9:50 Circle Time
Calendar
Weather Chart
Who is here today?
What will we do today?

9:50 – 10:15 Small and Large Muscle Activities
Art Projects
Puzzles
Legos/Blocks
Housekeeping
Sensory Table

10:15– 10:50 Physical/Outdoor Play (weather permitting)
Running, Jumping, Skipping, etc

10:50 – 11:30 Clean Up & Language Development
Story Time
Action Songs
Finger Plays
Music (Creative Movement)
Exercise, Yoga

11:30 – 12:15 Lunch/Half Day Dismissal

12:15 – 12:45 Outdoor Play (weather permitting)

1:00 – 3:00 Nap Time

3:00 – 3:15 Afternoon Snack

3:15 – 6:00 Free Play & Dismissal



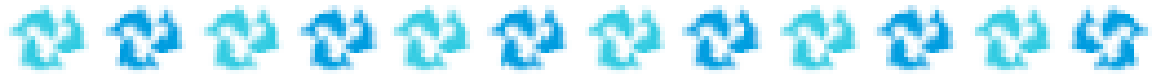
Gee, All Those Kids Seem To Do Is Play

Yes, children here at NEIU Child Care Center do play a lot...75 to 90 minutes per session. During this time a lot is going on. They are:

- Meeting friends
- Playing with toys
- Exploring how things work
- Looking at books
- Listening to music
- Sharing
- Pouring and measuring in the sandbox
- Having different experiences in a mostly child group situation vs. a mostly adult situation
- Developing and expanding their language abilities
- Having creative art experiences
- Having cooperative play experiences
- Learning to share the adults' attention
- Learning social skills needed to play games and make friends
- Build with materials that may not be available at home
- Using "messy" are materials in a space provided for experimentation
- Becoming independent
- Comparing and contrasting different experiences
- Learning from others while broadening their horizons

So you see, what looks like play is really hard Work!





Welcome to the Dolphin Room

I am so excited about the new school year and having your child in my classroom. To help me get to know your child before the year begins, please fill out this information and return it to me by _____.

Child's Name: _____ Nicknames: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

What is he/she best at? _____

Siblings: _____

Pets: _____

3 words to describe your child: _____

Allergies: _____

Any special information I should know (new baby, new job, new house.
) _____

What is the best way to communicate with you (e-mail, notes, call,
in person, etc)? _____

Please include any additional helpful information below.



Dear Dolphin Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We are so excited to welcome you and your child to our preschool family. Whether this is your child's first school experience or they are returning for another year, we are looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning, laughter, and new friendships.

Our classroom is a place where children will feel safe, loved, and encouraged to explore the world around them. Through hands-on activities, play, music, stories, art, and outdoor exploration, your child will build important social, emotional, language, cognitive, and motor skills while developing a lifelong love of learning.

The beginning of the school year is an important time as we help children become comfortable with new routines, classmates, and teachers. During the first few weeks, we will focus on:

- Getting to know one another and building friendships
- Learning classroom routines and expectations
- Practicing independence and self-help skills
- Exploring our classroom and learning centers
- Creating a caring, respectful classroom community

How You Can Help Your Child

You can make the transition to preschool smoother by:

- Arriving on time each day.
- Saying goodbye with a positive, confident routine.
- Encouraging your child to talk about their day.
- Reading together every day.
- Labeling all personal belongings.
- Sending a complete change of clothes in a labeled zip-top bag.

Packing refillable water bottle.

Communication

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school helps children succeed. We encourage you to reach out anytime through Procure or neiucccdolphins@gmail.com with questions, concerns, or information that will help us better support your child. We will also keep you informed through newsletters, classroom updates, and special event notices throughout the year.

A Few Friendly Reminders

- Please make sure all required forms are completed before the first day of school.
- Notify the school if your child will be absent.
- Dress your child in comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes for active play.
- Check your child's backpack daily for important notes and classroom work.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's early learning journey. It is truly a privilege to be part of these important years of growth and discovery. We are excited to watch your child learn, explore, and thrive throughout the school year.

Together, let's make this a wonderful year filled with joyful memories and meaningful learning experiences!

Warmly,

Ms. Lucia & Ms. Celine



September 1, 2026

Dear Dolphin Families.

September will be a fun-filled month where your child will discover more about his/herself and their surroundings. Your child will start trying to make self-portraits, create pictures and tell us what they've made, and share with their friends something that tells about themselves.

Also, this month, as well as the upcoming months, we will discuss a different color, shape and set of vocabulary words. BLUE is the color and SQUARE is the shape for this month. We will be making blue and square collages and sponge paintings, so your child will know by the end of the month what the color blue and the shape square is.

The special day we will have is BLUE DAY. BLUE DAY is Wednesday, September 23. On Blue Day we ask that your child wear something blue. Vocabulary words and song lyrics for our color and shape will be on separate sheets.

Potty Training

The age of the children in our classroom is 2–3 years old, and they are allowed to wear pull-ups or underwear until they are independently toilet trained.

Independently toilet trained means that your child is able to go to the toilet by themselves, pull their clothes up and down with little help, and be in regular underwear.

Ms. Lucia & Ms. Celine

Dates to remember:

September:

7	Labor Day-Center Closed
13	Dillon's 3rd Birthday
17	Classroom Meet and Greet 5:00pm ▪ 6:00 pm
21	James 3 rd Birthday
23	BLUE Day



September Vocabulary



parents



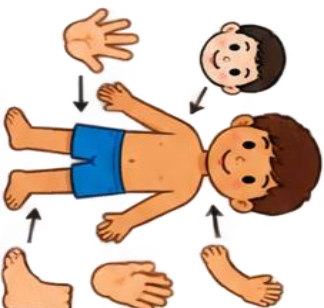
teacher



blue



girl



body



family



brother



house



apple



sister



friends



square



boy



grandparents



pets



baby



community neighbors

SQUARE SONG

(Sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

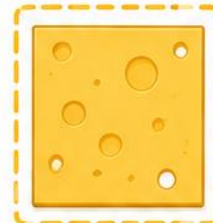
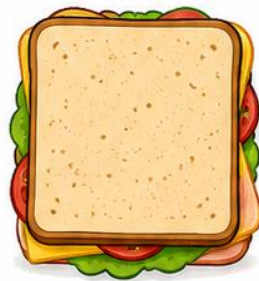
See the squares everywhere!

This tablecloth shape is a square.



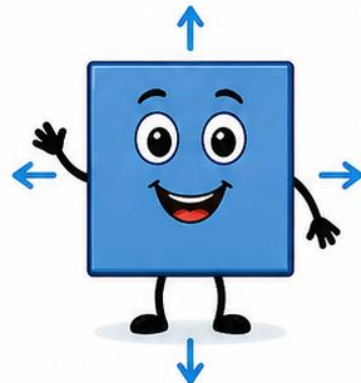
A sandwich with a
slice of cheese and meat...

These are squares
I like to eat!

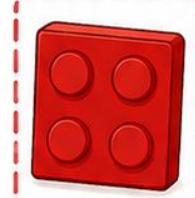
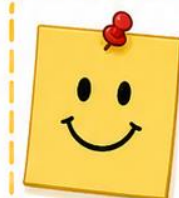


Like the board for a game,
Every side is just the same.

It takes 4 sides
to form a square.



You can find
squares everywhere!



BLUE SONG

(Sung to the tune of: "Itsy Bitsy Spider")

B-l-u-e spells the color blue.

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Blue is the ocean
splashing onto you!

B-l-u-e spells the color blue.



B-l-u-e, the color of the sky.

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The strong wind blows,
and a kite soars up high!

B-l-u-e, the color of the sky.

