

Typical Jump Start Schedule

Parents/guardians/family members will sign their children in and out at a table in the front hallway. This is where you should come to pick up your child at 12:00. On Monday morning, there will be a welcome meeting for parents at 9:20 am. There will signs to direct you to the meeting room.

9:00 – 9:20: Gathering in large group/circle time: learning to sit quietly, sing songs, learn chants and rhymes, practice raising hands to ask or answer questions, listening quietly, taking turns, etc.

9:20 – 10:15 and 10:45 - 11:30: Children will participate in Activity Time to practice different skills such as:

- **Fine Motor** (drawing, coloring, cutting with scissors, stringing beads, molding play-doh)
- **Large Motor** (playing with balls & bean bags; games like Follow the Leader, Simon Says)
- **Math** (counting objects, making patterns, playing with number cards)
- **Literacy** (listening to stories, drawing, writing and retelling stories)
- **Language** (poems and stories, rhyming and letter sound games)
- **Cognitive or Thinking** (problem solving games, puzzles, blocks, sorting objects)

10:15-10:45: Recess and Snack

11:30 – 12:00: Each day the children will visit a different part of the school – the library, cafeteria or lunch room, playground, gym, etc. to become familiar with the school campus and learn school rituals for lining up, walking quietly through the halls, washing hands before/after recess, etc.

12:00-1:00: Optional Lunch on the Playground. Parents will need to provide lunch and supervision for their own children. This is another time for both students and parents to get to know each other.

1:00-4:00: Individual Student Assessments. The kindergarten teachers will set up a specific day and time with you during the summer. Be sure to mark your preferred days on the orchid form and return it to school by June 3rd.

Quotes from family members about their Jump Start experience

- “This week helped both me and my daughter to feel ready for Kindergarten.”
- “I was very nervous about sending my child to school for the first time. Just meeting other families and getting to be in the building ahead of Kindergarten made my son excited about starting school.”
- “My child LOVED Jump Start and kept singing the new songs she learned after she got home. I’m so glad she was able to participate and I would recommend it to any family with a new kindergarten age child.”