

**11:30-11:45 a.m. Large group
(movement and music)**

All the children are encouraged to gather in one group with the teachers to explore their bodies through movement that uses the large muscle groups. They also use props as they dance along to music.

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Lunchtime

Each of the teachers has five children, which she sits with on a consistent basis.

12:15-2:15 p.m. Naptime

2:15-2:30 p.m. Washroom/diapers

**2:30-3:30 p.m. Dressing and outside
time**

3:30-3:45 p.m. Inside/undressing/snack

3:45-4:00 p.m. Group time

This group time is very fluid. The teachers place materials at a station and encourage the toddlers to interact with them. While the first group time of the day focuses on movement and music, this group time covers a variety of areas based on the key experiences and observations of the children. All of the classroom areas remain open during this time. Typically, most or all of the toddlers will check out the group-time activity initially but the younger toddlers tend to come and go.

4:00-6:00 p.m. Choice time

This is the final daily routine element of the day. Since departure times are staggered, children remain playing in the areas while parents arrive to pick up their children.

Daily Routine #3

General Daily Routine for a Multiaged Group: Learning Village, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan

Number of children: 12

Ages of Children: 6 weeks-2½ years

Number of staff: 3 full-time, 2 part-time

Child arrival/departure: staggered

7:00-7:50 a.m. Arrival

7:50-8:00 a.m. Wash hands/eat

8:00-8:30 a.m. Choice time

8:30-9:00 a.m. Diaper changes and
choice time

9:00-9:45 a.m. Outside time

Outside time includes all the children. Sometimes in the morning there are young infants napping, in which case their teacher stays inside with them; they will then go outside for the afternoon playtime. The outside environment

includes swings, a sand area, grass area, and a playhouse. Caregivers spread sheets to place young infants on at outside time. They sometimes also place them in an empty plastic wading pool filled with soft cushions. Specific toys are brought outside for the youngest infants on a daily basis.

**9:45-10:15 a.m. Coming inside/small
group**

Caregivers have three separate small groups. The youngest children in the group do an activity planned specifically for that age group. The middle toddler group goes with their teacher and does an age-appropriate activity, and the older group does the same.

10:15-10:30 a.m. Choice time

10:30-10:45 a.m. Song time

10:45-11:10 a.m. Wash hands/eat lunch

**11:10-11:30 a.m. Diaper changes and
choice time**