

Southborough Extended Day Program – Neary Program Information

Typical After School Daily Schedule:

- At dismissal the children walk from their classrooms to the Extended Day classroom where they are greeted and signed in by Extended Day staff.
- Students at Trottier either take the bus or walk to Neary and meet the other students and staff in the cafeteria around 2:40.
- Their belongings are put away and then they wash their hands.
- Once everyone has arrived, the children are provided with a snack and a drink.
- When snack is finished, children have the choice of going outside or staying inside to work on a project, play a game, or get started on their homework.
- Around 4:00, the cafeteria is used for homework. All art projects and games must be stopped and we strive to provide a quiet environment where children can focus on their work. Several SEDP staff are available to answer questions and provide support. Children who are not working on homework are usually outside, in the gym, or reading in the cafeteria.
- The quiet homework period typically lasts 30-45 minutes after which time other activities are once again available in the cafeteria. Students are welcome to continue working on their homework if they wish.
- A variety of indoor and outdoor/gym activities are available for the remainder of the day and students may switch back and forth between them as desired.

Program Philosophy:

SEDP believes that children need strong relationships and ample opportunity for play in order to optimize their growth and learning. Play based activities are essential to the health and well-being of children. By offering experiences full of creativity, exploration, physical activity, and friendship we help kids grow to be happy, healthy and successful.

The program is closely supervised for safety, while allowing ample opportunities for freedom, exploration and choice. Activities and materials are carefully selected to appeal to the specific abilities and interests of the children.

Our staff invests the time to get to know each child and family personally. We learn their strengths and preferences and look for meaningful ways to connect them to their peers and the curriculum, and ensure they feel welcome and accepted.

Homework Policy:

We understand that families lead busy lives and find it helpful to have their students start their homework at Extended Day. SEDP staff is available daily to answer questions, provide supplies, and help children stay on task. SEDP is not able to provide individual tutoring services to students, or to correct a child's homework. If you would like your child to work on homework during Extended Day hours please speak with the Site Coordinator. We will remind your child of your expectations and provide encouragement and support, but ultimately homework is the responsibility of your child. SEDP staff cannot be responsible for ensuring completion of assignments.

Student Conduct and Behavior Management:

We design our environment and curriculum based on the children's needs and development for success with the goal of minimizing conflict, preventing problems, and keeping children engaged in appropriate activities. We encourage good behavior through positive reinforcement, close adult supervision, and redirection. We strive to maintain an environment that is safe and comfortable to all students and staff.

Neary Code of Conduct:

At the beginning of each school year, both students and parents are asked to review and sign the code of conduct. Our staff refers to this document throughout the year when reinforcing rules and standards.