During the initial days of transition, short play sessions are used as a learning tool. This period allows pre-schoolers to observe their new peers, make play decisions, and enables teachers to assess how the child adapts to the new environment and routine. Children will learn a few names and have the opportunity to engage positively with their teachers and caregivers. The purpose of the shorter day is to ensure that children experience success with the daily routine, feeling confident and excited to come back.

BUILDING STAMINA AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

In the new school environment at ISU, children in Early Years need to approach the day one step at a time. With many bigger inhabitants and cross-traffic, they need visual cues to understand routines. Transition is crucial for them to build concentration and trust, gradually adapting to new routines and forming secure relationships.
Thursday, August 22: 08:30–15:00

Meet and greet – New and returning families

Friday, August 23: 09:00–11:00

Welcome Picnic

*Refer to pages 1 and 2 for further details
Upon arrival, please assist your child in hanging their bags and changing into house shoes.

Throughout this week we will have our Family Book Craft activity. Please refer to page 11 for the sample and instructions provided.

Around 9 am, a bell will ring for circle time. Children will gather on their mats for a story and chat, followed by our Good Morning Song. After circle time, children will have choice time to play in the classroom. Parents can then bid a simple goodbye and exit the classroom. Please note that this is a theoretical model and may vary in practice. Ms. Usmani and Ms. Olga will be available to guide and support.

At the scheduled pick-up time, we kindly ask families to wait outside the main entrance of the ISU building. We will bring your child to you.

**Monday, August 26: 08:30-10:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Family Book Craft Activity
- Snack
- Water Bottle

**Tuesday, August 27: 08:30-10:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Family Book Craft Activity
- Snack
- Water Bottle

**Wednesday, August 28: 08:30-10:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Family Book Craft Activity
- Snack
- Water Bottle

**Thursday, August 29: 08:30-11:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Family Book Craft Activity
- Snack
- Water Bottle
- Lunch

**Friday, August 30: 08:30-11:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Family Book Craft Activity
- Snack
- Water Bottle
- Lunch
Upon arrival, please assist your child in hanging their bags and changing into house shoes.

Explore the room together and allow your child to choose where they want to play. Stay nearby and observe.

If you feel confident and believe you can separate from your child, please do so. The reception window is an excellent spot for a final wave and to blow goodbye kisses.

Between 08:45 and 09:00 am, we will have Circle Time, a daily event focused on stories, songs, or name games. It’s an ideal opportunity for separation, and we encourage you to give it a try. Remember, every child experiences the world uniquely, and we can adjust these times as needed.

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**Monday, September 2: 08:30-12:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Snack
- Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Rest Time

**Tuesday, September 2: 08:30-12:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Snack
- Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Rest Time

**Wednesday, September 4: 08:30-13:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Snack
- Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Rest Time

**Thursday, September 5: 08:30-14:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Snack
- Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Rest Time

**Friday, September 6: 08:30-12:30**
- Follow arrival routine
- Snack
- Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Rest Time

*Please note school finishes at 12:30 on Fridays*
Upon arrival, please assist your child in hanging their bags and changing into house shoes.

Monday–Thursday, September 9–12
08:30–15:00
Full Day

Friday, September 13
08:30–12:30
Full Day

*Please note school finishes at 12:30 on Fridays