

# NATURE PLAY AREA

## Preschool for 3 to 5s Weather Related Guidelines

Our program has developed general weather-related guidelines for preschool classes held in our Nature Play Area at Arbor View Early Childhood Center. The weather-related guidelines are subject to change based on program needs. Families participating in Nature Play Area Preschool classes will be notified in advance of any changes to our weather related program practices.

### On Class Days

- Dress your child for the weather conditions and outdoor messy play.
- Rain suits (sizes 3T & 4T and rain boots (sizes 9, 10, 11) are available for your child to use during class time. Rain suits will be available for check-out based on availability.
- Parents/guardians are expected to provide winter clothing. If providing winter clothing is a hardship for your family, please talk with your child's teacher.



### BEGIN OUTSIDE

Class will begin outdoors in the Nature Play Area when:

- The temperature with wind-chill is at or above 0 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The heat index is at less than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
- No severe or inclement weather is forecast.



### BEGIN INSIDE

Class will be held indoors at Arbor View Early Childhood Center when:

- The temperature with wind-chill is below 0 degrees Fahrenheit
- The heat index is at or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Severe or inclement weather is forecast.

### Things to Note

In addition to the guidelines above, when making a decision about where class time will be held, Osseo EC&FE will use information from The Weather Channel for the City of Maple Grove, MN ([bit.ly/MG\\_weather](https://bit.ly/MG_weather)) and consider other weather factors such as: heat, wind, air quality, snowfall, and rain.

Parents/guardians will be notified by the program at least one hour prior to the start of class if there is a change in drop off location from curbside at the Nature Play Area to Door #1/main entrance.

We're excited to support your child with early learning experiences in our outdoor Nature Play Area! Contact the Osseo Area Schools Early Childhood & Family Education (EC&FE) program office at

 763-391-8777 or  [ecfe@district279.org](mailto:ecfe@district279.org) if you have any questions.

