New Canaan Nature Center

Little Explorers – Fall September 8-December 18, 2026
REGISTRATION BEGINS on August 3, 2026

A caregiver and child program

An introduction for young children to the natural and social world. Children, caregivers, and classmates will explore the environment where they play and discover the cycles of the seasons. Children and caregivers will learn about all that Mother Nature has to offer.

Our Little Explorers class is for caregivers with children aged 18 months to 36 months. The class meets once a week for 1 1/2 hours. Little Explorers time helps to improve social skills for young children and acclimates them to a group setting with the comfort of their caregiver nearby. Caregivers meet other caregivers in the area, which enables them to form new friendships and gain support from each other. During our group time, the children engage in free play in an outdoor space designed for our youngest members. The teacher then leads the group in circle time with movement, songs, and a puppet story. Then we go for a nature walk on our 40 acres of trails to discover new adventures. Then at the end of our time together, we sing a goodbye song.

Children attend one day per week. The program is offered Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

PROGRAM TIME: 9:15 am – 10:45 am **PROGRAM COST**: Mon: $630 Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri: $735

MONDAY: September 14, - December 14, 2026,
No class Sept. 21 (Yom Kippur) October 12 (Indigenous Peoples Day)
Dates: Sept. 14, 28 Oct. 5, 19, 26 Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Dec. 7, 14 (12 weeks)

TUESDAY: September 8-December 15, 2026
No class Nov. 3 (Election Day)
Dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov. 10, 17, 24 Dec. 1, 8, 15 (14 weeks)

WEDNESDAY: September 9-December 16, 2026
No class November 25 (Thanksgiving recess)
Program Dates: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov. 4, 11, 18 Dec. 2, 9, 16 (14 weeks)

THURSDAY: September 10-December 17, 2026
No class November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)
Program Dates: Sept. 10, 17, 24 Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov. 5, 12, 19 Dec. 3, 10, 17 (14 weeks)

FRIDAY: September 11-Decemer 18, 2026
No class November 25 (Thanksgiving recess)
Program Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25 Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov. 6, 13, 20 Dec. 4, 11, 18 (14 weeks)