



Early Childhood Family Education Growing and learning together!



FALL 2017

Welcome to ECFE

Quality Learning Opportunities for You and Your Child

Take a look at our classes, field trips and special events! We offer many opportunities for you and your infant, toddler, two-year-old or preschooler. We even have classes that you can attend with more than one child. Classes are held Monday-Friday, daytime and evening.

What is ECFE?

ECFE provides quality learning opportunities and resources for parents of young children between birth and kindergarten age.

Our classes are for both parents and children

Most ECFE classes begin with parents and children playing together in the early childhood room. After a short circle time, parents move to the parent room where discussion is led by a licensed parent educator. The children continue to learn and play with the licensed early childhood teacher. In some classes, parents and children play and learn together the entire time.

Most classes meet once a week for 1.5 hours. Childcare is provided for siblings of children enrolled in daytime classes.

All families are welcome. Fees are based on a sliding scale. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay.

Registration for fall is now open at ce.isd721.org.

Call 952-758-1670 for class availability or to register by phone. You may also register online.



ECFE Classes - Coming in September! Registration is open!

All classes are held at the Central Education Campus unless otherwise listed.



Parents and Babies Together

Birth-12 months

Parenting a baby is exciting and challenging as babies are growing and changing every day. Join other parents and their babies for this special time together in our infant classroom, which provides a safe, fun and appropriate environment for exploration.

Enjoy interacting with your baby through songs, simple games and exercises. Meet other parents to talk about feeding, sleeping, crying, soothing, adjusting to parenthood and other topics related to raising a baby.

Daytime childcare is provided for older brothers and sisters. You are welcome to join this class at any time.

11 sessions Sep 19-Dec 12 Tu
Skip: Oct 31 & Nov 7
1-2 pm
\$40 per child

11 sessions Sep 19-Dec 12 Tu
Skip: Oct 31 & Nov 7
6-7 pm
\$40 Per Child

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All Together at Eagle View

Birth - 5 years

Attend class with all of your children or just one. Learning activities will be family focused. There will be something for all ages. Parent time will be sure to cover family relationships and topics that are important to all ages. Class includes parent-child time, circle time, and separation. Class is held at Eagle View Elementary Early Childhood Wing in Elko New Market.

11 sessions Sep 15-Dec 15 F
Skip: Oct 20, Nov 10 & Nov 24
9:15-10:45 am

Eagle View Elementary

Wonderful Ones

Ages 12-24 months

You and your one year old will love playing together in our toddler classroom, with activities and equipment selected with one year olds in mind. Enjoy the first half of class together playing, learning and singing at circle time. After circle time, parents will walk down the hall to meet with a parent educator to talk about healthy separation, positive parenting, setting limits and other issues important to the group. Separation from your child will be gradual!

12 sessions Sep 20-Dec 13 W
Skip: Nov 22
9:15-10:45 am

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Our staff is sensitive to the needs of children and understand that many children will experience some difficulty in separating from their parent or caregiver. One of the goals of our program is to help children through this transition by providing a safe, caring and stimulating environment. We consider the needs and wishes of the children and parents as we support the development of healthy separation. We encourage you to bring a security item (blanket, stuffed animal, nuk) to help your child with separation as they learn to trust other adults and play with peers.

Great reasons to take an ECFE class

- It's a wonderful place to spend special time with your child
- You and your child will learn, play, and discover together
- You will get information and support
- Classes are affordable and fun
- Your child will make new friends and you will too

Parent Support Line

Kids driving you crazy? Not sure what you should do? If you have questions or concerns about your child's behavior and would like to talk to someone, call 952-758-1670. We can schedule a personal phone call or home visit with one of our parent and family teachers.

Daycare 911

Daycare providers are you looking for some new ideas to engage and support the little people you care for? Call us! You will have the opportunity to schedule a time that works for you to visit and discuss issues that might be occurring or maybe you just want some new ideas. We are here to support you! Call 952-758-1670.

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Magnificent Multi-Ages

Your child is busy, curious, changing and growing more independent every day! Spend time with your child or children enjoying music, movement and learning activities to encourage their growth and independence. Parent discussion will include talking about setting limits, home routines and rules, having realistic expectations and topics of special interest to you. If your class meets during lunchtime, feel free to pack a light lunch for your child to enjoy while parents meet.

1-3 years

12 sessions Sep 20-Dec 13 W
Skip: Nov 22
11:15-12:45 pm

11 sessions Sep 15-Dec 15 F
Skip: Oct 20, Nov 10 & Nov 24
9:15-10:45 am

1-2 1/2 years

13 sessions Sep 18-Dec 11 M
6-7:30 pm

A Letter from the Supervisor of Early Learning

Hello Families,

We are thrilled to show you our new Preschool and ECFE space at the Central Education Campus in New Prague. It is a perfect time to join a class or participate in our special events. Sometimes you might feel a bit intimidated to come to class. You feel like the "newbie." This year it is new to everyone! Please take a few minutes to browse through our class offerings. There are a variety of different classes and events. We are happy to have you participate. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me personally at (952)758-1671. We are here to support you. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mary Bartusek



Drop and Go or Stay and Play Birth- 5

You choose to stay and play with your child or drop your child off in the classroom. Teachers will be in the classroom to provide a nurturing environment, movement, fun songs at circle time, and learning activities to encourage your child's growth and independence!

Parents - take this time to do your grocery shopping, housework, appointments, meet up with a friend for coffee/lunch, or enjoy time to yourself OR stay in the classroom with your child and enjoy this time together!

No sign up needed. Come one time or as many as you would like.

11 sessions Sep 15-Dec 15 F
Skip: Oct 20, Nov 10 & Nov 24
11am-12:15 pm
Free will cash donation

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PLEASE READ IF YOU WILL BE USING SIB CARE:

If you will be enrolling more than one child for sib care, enroll only one child and answer the questions in the course section for this class. If you have any questions, please call Sharon at 758-1674.

Evening Preschool/ECFE ** New Class**

Ages 2 1/2-5

Would you like your child to experience a preschool setting? Learn the routines and structure of school. Participate in school readiness learning opportunities to enhance your child's prekindergarten development. This class is similar to the past PM preschool but there is an optional parent participation component and no formal assessments will be completed on your child. This class is perfect for your child and you. Class starts promptly at 6:00 pm. At 6:30 pm, parents can decide to stay and discuss ways to help get their preschooler ready for a successful kindergarten entry and other parenting topics of their choice, led by a licensed parent educator OR parents can leave and come back to pick up their child at 7:30 pm when class has ended.

We will be running two sections of this class at the same time. Children will be divided into sections by their ages.

11 sessions Sep 19-Dec 12 Tu
Skip: Oct 31 & Nov 7
6-7:30 pm

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Peek into Preschool

Ages 30-42 months

Is your child attending preschool next year? Get them excited and prepared for school by joining us for a great introduction to the routines and structure of preschool. More time for learning for both children and parents. Class will include parent/child school readiness activities and circle time. At separation time, children will explore the learning centers and have a reading circle time. Parents discuss ways to help get preschoolers ready for kindergarten and other parenting topics of their choice.

This class runs for the whole year, allowing children to develop strong relationships with teachers and classmates.

28 sessions Sep 19-May 8 Tu
Skip: Oct 31, Nov 7, Dec 19,
Dec 26, Jan 2 & Mar 27
9:15-11:15 am

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Preschool Plus

Ages 3-5 years

This class is for parents and children who are currently attending preschool or planning to start preschool next year.

Parents and children spend the first half of class participating in fun, learning activities together that have been planned by an Early Childhood Teacher. During the second part of class, children remain in the preschool classroom with the Early Childhood Teacher while parents meet with a Parent Educator.

Topics will include getting your child ready for preschool and kindergarten, development of family relationships, discipline and behavior.

This class runs for the whole year with the same teachers and class members. Class meets once a week from September through May.

28 sessions Sep 14-May 10 Th
Skip: Oct 19, Nov 23, Dec 21,
Dec 28, Jan 4, Mar 29 & Apr 12
9:15-11:15 am

Central Education Campus ECFE

Meet our Early Learning Staff

Supervisor

Mary Bartusek

Office Assistant

Sharon Rezac

Preschool Teachers

Danielle Barnett, Diane Barrier, Lynette Galchutt, Kayla Kaisershot, Layne Miller, Kristen Palma, Jodi Tupy, Anne Weiers

ECFE Teachers

Kayla Kaisershot, Layne Miller, Jodi Tupy, Anne Weiers

Parent and Family Teachers

Mary Bartusek, Tara Lund, Anne Weiers

Paraprofessionals

Jen Chromy, Krystal Erickson, Larissa Fahey, Mary Ingebretson, Lisa Rezac, Jenny Wehseler, Sara Westing, Pam Wondra

Early Childhood Screeners

Mary Bartusek, Kari Ealy, Layne Miller, Tara Lund

ECFE Tips:

Hesitant about signing up for a weekly class and just not quite sure it will be a right fit for you and your child? Call us and you can come try class before you sign up.

If you can only attend one class at a specific time a week, register early since some classes fill quickly.

Add your name to the waitlist if a class is full.

Participants of daytime classes in New Prague will enter the new Early Learning Entrance at the CEC. You may want to use a stroller so you can enjoy your walk through the Preschool wing to the new ECFE area.

Come see our new space at the CEC in New Prague on Oct 8th from 1-4 pm.

New to the area? This is a great way to meet people.



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Cancellation & Confirmation

You will be notified if there is a change in the date or location of the class or the class is filled or canceled. Registrants who supply an email address will receive a confirmation of their registration.

Photo Consent

Unless notified by you, photos taken during New Prague Area Community Education classes, programs and events may be used in NPACE brochures, pamphlets, or on the web (including social media).

Participation Waiver

By registering for classes, trips or events, you indicate that you have no physical conditions or health history that would make participation hazardous to your health; in addition you are releasing NPA Community Education and other organizations, cities or individuals associated with the program from any responsibility for injuries or damages received as a result of your participation.



Sliding Class Fee Scale

Most ECFE parent/child classes are based on a sliding fee scale. The Baby class and Special Event classes have a set fee. For all other ECFE classes, use this table to determine the fee. We value your honesty. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay. If your family has special circumstances, you may call and ask for a fee adjustment.

ECFE Class Fees/per Child/per Class

Gross family income	90 minute class	Childcare per family
Under \$20,000 - <i>personal pricing/call for information and registration</i>		
\$20,000-\$40,000	\$40	\$25
\$40,000-\$60,000	\$80	\$25
\$60,000-\$80,000	\$120	\$30
\$80,000-\$100,000	\$170	\$35
above \$100,000	\$190	\$35

Childcare drop in \$5per child/per class

Peek Into Preschool & Preschool Plus Class Fees

Year Length Class – 2 Hours per Week per Child - 3 Payments

Gross family income	Sep 1	Dec 1	Mar 1
Under \$20,000 – <i>personal pricing/call for information and registration</i>			
\$20,000-\$50,000	\$95	\$95	\$95
\$50,000-\$75,000	\$125	\$125	\$125
\$75,000 and above	\$155	\$155	\$155

Register at ce.isd721.org or call (952)758-1670

Preschool Meet Your Teacher Day

Thursday, August 31

Enrolled preschoolers were contacted in early August with a scheduled time for parents and children to meet their teacher, check out the classroom, and get your questions answered. We want to ease the transition to preschool by offering a smaller, more individualized experience.

Remember you must register your child for preschool. Don't delay. Classes are filling quickly!

Call (952)758-1670

Preschool classes start September 5, 2017!

ECFE Special Events

Barten's Pumpkin Patch

Birth-6

The big school bus will take you to Barten's Pumpkins. We will enjoy a hayride, some playtime, and will learn, fun pumpkin facts, and several cool ways to decorate their pumpkin. Each child will receive their own pumpkin to take home! **Register by Oct 9.**

1 session Oct 11 W
9:15-11:15 am
\$10/child; \$5/parent
(children under 1 are free)

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Grandparents are Great

Ages 1-5

There will be fun activities, art, and circle time that will focus on this special relationship.

1 session Nov 15 W
6-6:45 pm
\$10 per child

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Superhero Night

Ages 2-5

Dress as your favorite superhero and experience life in training to develop super human powers! **Register by Nov 27.**

1 session Nov 30 Th
6-7 pm
\$10 per child

Eagle View Elementary ECFE

Fall Fun on the Farm

Birth-6

We will ride the school bus to Zweber Farms in Elko New Market. School bus pick up at the Central Education Campus at 9:30 am, Eagle View @ 10:00 am, return by 12 pm. When registering, please indicate which pick up location you choose. Children will make butter and take a jar home! **Register by Sep 26.**

1 session Sep 29 F
9:30 am-12 pm
\$10/child (under 1 yr old is free
\$5/parent

Holiday Craft Night

Ages 2 1/2-5

We will have ideas and supplies needed to construct some holiday crafts. You and your child will enjoy this time working together to decorate your home for the holidays. Class will end with a festive circle time. **Register by Dec 1.**

1 session Dec 7 Th
6:15-7:30 pm \$10/child
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Pint Size Picasso's

Ages 2 1/2-5

Bring your young artist to let them try their hand at creating art. We'll paint, glue, cut and rip. Your child will burst with pride taking home their artwork. Wear clothes that can get messy (kids and parents!)

Session A Oct 25 W
6-7 pm
Central Education Campus ECFE

Session B Nov 2 Th
6-7 pm
Eagle View Elementary ECFE

\$10 per child

Princess Night

Ages 2 1/2-5

Join us for a fun filled evening of sparkles and glitter. Wear your favorite princess attire for a special tea time. You will decorate a crown and participate in special princess time activities and circle time.

1 session Nov 29 W
6-7 pm
\$10 per child

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Concepts of Kindness

Ages 2-5

This class is all about friendship. Parents spend the first 30 minutes with your child engaged in activities centered around skills that help foster friendships. Parents will then separate and be taught by our licensed parent educator about the social/emotional development of preschoolers focusing on friendship skills. **Register by Dec 8.**

1 session Dec 13 W
6-7:30 pm
\$10 per child

Eagle View Elementary

Single and Parenting

Ages Birth-8

Parenting can be challenging for two parents. What about doing it on your own? Breakfast will be ready for you and your child(ren) at 9:00 am. Children will separate into the ECFE/Preschool classrooms at 9:30 am. There will be fun learning opportunities for them led by our certified and caring staff. Parents will meet for parenting support and information. Military families, work situations, separation, divorce, loss of spouse and single parents are welcome. **MUST register by October 3.**

1 session Oct 7 Sa
9-11 am
Free

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Trojan Field and Read

Ages 3-5

Preschoolers come to Trojan Field and experience several football activity stations run by our own New Prague Trojan Varsity Football players. End your morning by reading a book with a player. Each child will go home with a new book and some great memories. \$10/child **Must register by October 9.**

1 session Oct 14 Sa
9-10:15 am
\$10 per child

New Prague High School, Trojan Stadium

Twins/Multiples

Ages 1-5 years old

It's a multiples morning! A great opportunity to meet other parents in "your shoes." Your children and you will enjoy classroom activities and circle time. Parents will separate to discuss the "magnificent" issues of parenting multiples.

1 session Nov 18 Sa
9-10:30 am
\$10 per family

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Underwater Adventures

Ages 2 1/2-5

Experience and learn all about the habitat and animals that live underwater.

3 sessions Sep 28-Oct 12 Th
6-6:45 pm
\$30 per child

Eagle View Elementary ECFE



Here is what makes New Prague Area School District Preschool program stand out...

- Our OWL curriculum and SEEDS of Literacy are comprehensive and research based. It aligns with the District's learning goals and the MN State Standards.
- Our Second Step Curriculum prepares children for Kindergarten with self-regulation and executive function skills that help them pay attention, remember directions, and control their behavior.
- Our teachers are among the best. All of our licensed teachers hold early childhood degrees and have extensive experience in creating environments that promote learning.
- We have enrollment options to fit the needs of every child and family.
- We are a 4 STAR Parent Aware rated program, the highest rating possible.

Combining our Preschool Programs with Kids' Company W.R.A.P. (in-school child care) we are able to provide children with a developmentally appropriate full day experience. As a parent you can be confident your children are receiving the education needed to prepare them for Kindergarten as well as the care they need while you work, without the hassle of finding transportation. Children must be enrolled in a preschool to attend W.R.A.P.

Preschool classes start September 5, 2017!

For availability call (952)758-1670

Interested in joining the ECFE Advisory Council?

Contact us for details at

(952)758-1670!

Early Childhood Screening

Screen at 3!

Minnesota law requires that all children be screened prior to school enrollment. Age 3 is the recommended age for this health and developmental screening.

Screening helps identify children who may benefit from additional learning or health services before they enter kindergarten. This simple, free screening checks your child's height, weight, vision, hearing, speech and development. Your child's immunizations will also be reviewed.

When your child is 3 years old, sign up for screening online at np.isd721.org/ECFE. Screenings are held on Wednesdays or Thursdays at the CEC, 410 Central Ave. N, New Prague, MN 56071. There are two Saturday's scheduled. If your child is 4 and has not been screened, please sign up as soon as possible. Questions? Call us at (952)758-1674.

Halloween Fun Night

Birth-5

Join us for a safe, non-scary evening of games, treats, storytelling and other fun. Costumes are welcome for all including moms and dads. *Take home a book!*

1 session	Oct 27	F
	6-7:30 pm	\$5/child
Central Education Campus Gym		



Keep your eyes open for Buddy the Bookworm at area Community businesses.

The New Prague Area Early Childhood Initiative Coalition would like your family to enjoy reading a book while you are there.

Children are encouraged to take a book home. Learning to read starts way before kindergarten. Research tells us that the more you read out loud to your young child (even starting at birth) the more success they will have in school!



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Current Resident or:

New Prague Area Schools Community Education Registration

Community Education, CEC Building 410 Central Av N, New Prague MN 56071

Student Name _____ Gender M F Birthdate _____

T-shirt size (if applicable, CIRCLE ONE): YOUTH S M L / ADULT S M L XL

State reporting requires NPACE to report participant ages (circle one): 0-5 6-18 19-54 55+

Parent Name _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Grade _____

Class Title _____ Session/Date/Time _____ Fee _____

Class Title _____ Session/Date/Time _____ Fee _____

Class Title _____ Session/Date/Time _____ Fee _____

Class Title _____ Session/Date/Time _____ Fee _____

You may use one form for multiple classes, but please fill out a separate form for each person Total Fees _____

Special Info/Notes _____ Email _____

UCare Insurance Info for Member Discount _____

Paid by (circle one): Discover MasterCard Visa Cash Check# _____

Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Exp Date ____ / ____ Security Code _____

Signature _____ Name as it appears on card _____

Signature of Cardholder (required)

I have read the Community Education policies and procedures and agree to all terms (circle one): Yes No

Community Education Policies and Procedures at the bottom of this page and on page 3.



4 Easy Ways to Register

In Person: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-4 pm

Mail: Complete the form and mail to the address above

Online: Visit us at ce.isd721.org

Phone: 952-758-1670