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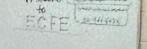


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EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION
PRESCHOOL | SCREENING | YOUTH PROGRAMS
LAKER PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE & LAKER 3'S









Welcome to a New Year of Learning and Discovery!

We're so glad you're here! Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we are thrilled you have chosen to see all that Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools has to offer our youngest learners and families. This catalog is more than just a list of classes—it's a gateway into exciting experiences designed to nurture your child's growth and spark a lifelong love of learning.

As your little one takes their first steps into the world of education as a Laker, our goal is to provide a safe environment where young children of all abilities can grow and experience success, and their parents can be partners in learning. Learning begins with strong relationships—between children, families and educators—and we're honored to walk alongside

you during these important early years.

Our catalog provides a wide variety of engaging options thoughtfully created to support your child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. From the transition from baby to toddler, to creative art projects, hands-on activities, stories and songs—there's something for every family to enjoy. Each offering is designed to meet children where they are and help them grow with confidence.

As a parent who once sat in early learning classes myself, I know how powerful these experiences can be—not just for our kids, but for us as parents, too. My wife and I not only gained tools and insights to support our children, but we also built friendships and found a community that supported us through those early years.

Every child is unique, and that's something we celebrate. You'll find choices in this catalog that reflect a range of interests, learning styles and developmental needs. We're here to support your family with high-quality resources and programs that make learning meaningful and fun.

Thank you for letting us be part of your child's early learning adventure. We can't wait to see all the growth and joy the year ahead will bring.

Yours in partnership,

Dr. Michael J. Thomas Superintendent Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools









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Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- ECFE stands for Early Childhood Family Education
- Unique to Minnesota, ECFE classes provide opportunities for children and parents to learn and grow together. The program strengthens families through play, education and support. Parent education can be provided individually or separate from children or together as a family.
- It is based on the idea that parents provide their child's first and most significant learning environment and parents are children's first and most enduring teachers.
- Licensed parent educators and early childhood teachers team to make each class a welcoming, rich experience for both parents and children.
- ECFE classes are offered from birth to 5 years, with many options to fit your schedule, including evenings and Saturdays.



Parent Education

- Parent Education is embedded in all ECFE Classes to provide support and encouragement in your role as a parent or caregiver.
- Current research-based information on child development is standard.
- Peer connection: We are in this together!
- Community Connections: Awareness of community resources and support services.
- Classes denoted with this symbol have a separate parent discussion time or are a parent only class.



Preschool Classes

- Learning is a social process where children grow through play and exploration. Preschool programs focus on creating a strong foundation for learning.
- Curriculum that is intentionally aligned with Kindergarten standards to ensure concepts and skills lay the groundwork for those taught in Kindergarten.
- Core learning areas that are embedded in the curriculum and include language and literacy, mathematics, dramatic play, the arts and learning in nature.
- Highly qualified, licensed teachers who inspire kids and work passionately to help them be Kindergarten ready.



Support Services

- Early Childhood Screening
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Financial Assistance
- Parent Coaching
- Early Learning Advisory Council

We are honored to be your family's first connection to the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools. At Edgewood, our mission is to nurture every child's unique strengths and talents, setting the foundation for a lifetime of learning and growth. Our building houses Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Circle of Friends Preschool, Early Childhood Special Education, Early Childhood Screening, and Kids' Company Childcare. Edgewood is a vibrant and engaging environment where we welcome all children from birth through age five. We are excited to help them discover their unique possibilities and thrive. We encourage you to attend our ECFE Open House in September or request a tour for Circle of Friends. We welcome your questions and are happy to share about our wonderful programs here so connect with us anytime!

Leadership Team



Jeanna Miller (Assistant Director of Early Learning)



Vicki Spieler (Early Learning Asst. Coordinator) and Leslie Landberg (Laker Preschool Child Care Site Lead)

Early Learning Staff





Class Separation Explanation

Non-Separating: The parent education component happens within the classroom so babies and toddlers stay with their caregivers.

Separating: After beginning the class together, parents convene in a separate room for parent education and children spend time with their teacher and peers.

What do I need on the first day?

- Child's birth certificate (New ECFE Families only)
- Current Immunization Records
 You may also fax these to
 952-226-0949 or
 email earlylearning@plsas.org.
 Most clinics will fay records to out

email earlylearning@plsas.org.
Most clinics will fax records to our
office if requested. If your child is
behind on immunizations, catch up
with an appointment at:
Scott County Public Health
Valley Green Work Force Center
792 Canterbury Rd S
Shakopee, MN

952-496-8555

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Location of Classes

Edgewood School Lower Level Entrance, Door 6W 5304 Westwood Dr SE, Prior Lake Big round blue tiled building on the NW corner of the campus. *NOT* Westwood Elementary.

How do I register?

Online: www.priorlakesavagece.com By Phone: 952-226-0950 In-Person: Visit Edgewood School's main office Mon-Fri between 8-4 pm

Does an adult need to attend?

Yes. ECFE classes require participation from an adult caregiver.

What if my class is cancelled?

A class may need to be cancelled due to low enrollment. Families will be notified by email and receive a full refund. We are happy to help you find another class that works for you!

Worry Free ECFE

If you find that the class is not the right fit for you or your child or if your schedule has changed, simply contact us and you can transfer to another class or receive a refund.

Can I register after the class has started?

Yes! Registration is open until the class is filled. Fees will be prorated, please call 952-226-0950 if you need an adjustment.

ECFE Weather Cancellations

ECFE will follow PLSAS weather related closings. If school is closed or in online learning, ECFE is cancelled. If school is delayed 2 hours, there will be no morning ECFE classes. These cancellations will not be refunded or rescheduled.

More Guidelines on page 23.



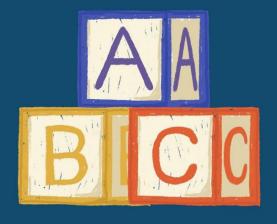




EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

ECFE OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday Sept. 2 and Wednesday Sept. 3 9-11 am + 1-3 pm



- TOUR OUR LEARNING SPACES
- LEARN ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS
- CONNECT WITH OUR CARING EDUCATORS
- MEET OTHER FAMILIES
- EXPERIENCE THE ECFE ENVIRONMENT FIRSTHAND
- DISCOVER COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- REGISTER ON THE SPOT!

EDGEWOOD SCHOOL
5304 WESTWOOD DRIVE SE
PRIOR LAKE
QUESTIONS? CONTACT VICKI SPIELER
AT VSPIELER@PLSAS.ORG
OR 952-226-0956



7:30-8:30 pm



ECFE Classes - Sliding Fee Scale

For classes with a parent education (ECFE) component, tuition is charged on a sliding fee scale based on family household income. The price shown is the most a family would pay. All families are welcome. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Class fees are calculated online.

| Gross Annual Household Income | Participant Pays |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$0 - \$19,999 | \$0 |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 25% of listed price |
| \$40,000 - \$69,999 | 50% of listed price |
| \$70,000 - \$89,999 | 75% of listed price |
| \$90,000 - \$119,999 | 85% of listed price |
| \$120,000+ | 100% of listed price |

Sibling Care/Sibcare Policy

Sibling care gives parents the opportunity to spend individualized time with their child in an age specific class and to fully engage during parent discussion time. If a family is taking an age specific class (examples-infants, toddlers, 2s and 3s, etc) children who are not in the age group should register for sibling care. Our sibcare room is staffed by a qualified teacher who leads age appropriate exploration, activities and play. This service is available for siblings 4 months through age 5 as part of our ECFE program. Babies under 4 months may attend any class with their family. Classes that include sibcare, are designated in the description. Register at the same time you register for your ECFE class.

*Indicates Sibcare

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| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| TYP | *Little Movers 10-20 months 8:45-10 am | *Terrific Twos 24-36 mos 9:15-11 am | *Toddler Time 12-30 Mos 8:45-10 am | *Ones and Twos 12-36 months 8:45-10 am | Fabulous Friday 1-5 yrs 8:45-10 am |
| All Caregivers Welcome | Sibling Synergy Birth to Pre-k 9:30-11:15 am | Music & Movement 1-5 yrs 11:45 am-1:30 pm 4:30-5:45 pm | Roots and Wings Birth-Pre-k 9-10:45 am | Advisory Council Birth-PreK 10:30-11:45 am | Parenting in the Preschool Lane 3-5 yrs 9:15-11 am |
| While we use the word "parent", we recognize that | *Welcome Baby Birth to 12 mos 10:30-11:45 am | Welcome Baby Birth-12 months 1-2:15 pm 4:30-5:45 pm | *Newborn Nest Birth to 16 weeks 10:30-11:45 am | Busy Bees 1-5 yrs 12:15-1:30 pm | My Grand and Me 1-5 yrs 10:30-11:45 am |
| not all family structures look the | Play and Stay Birth to Pre-k 11:45 am to 1 pm | Park Explorers 3-5 yrs 2-3:15 pm | Art Party 2-5 yrs 11:30 am-12:45 pm | Stroller Walk Birth-24 mos 1-2:15 pm | Family Connections Birth-7 yrs 12:30-2 pm |
| same. Any and all adults parenting and/or caregiving are | | Preschool ESTEM 3-5 yrs 2-3:15 pm | | Bringing Nature Inside 1-5 yrs 1-2:15 pm | Building Baby's Brain Workshop Birth-12 mos 2-3:15 pm |
| welcome in our classes. | | Ones and Twos 12-36 months 6-7:15 pm | | Family Playtime Birth to 7 yrs 6-7:15 pm | Tiny Mouths, Big Topics Workshop Birth-12 mos 2-3:15 pm |
| | | | | Podcast Ponderings | |

ECFE



Little Movers (Ages 10-20 mos)

Get ready for big leaps and tiny adventures! As your baby starts toddling into a brand new stage, this class is here to help you keep up- with plenty of laughs along the way! With friendly guidance from our parent educator, support from our experienced team, and a crew of fellow parents in the same boat, you'll have everything you need to enjoy the ride together.

| Mon, Sept. 8 to Nov. 3 | 8:45-10 am |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Non-Separating | 9 sessions \$126 |
| Edgewood School | Sibcare \$54 |
| | |

Mon, Nov. 10 to Jan. 12 8:45-10 am *No class: Dec. 22 & 29*

Non-Separating 8 sessions \$112 Edgewood School Sibcare \$48

Welcome Baby (Ages Birth-12 mos)

Whether you are running on baby snuggles or three hours of sleep (or both), this free class is just for you and your little one. Join other parents in a warm, relaxed space where you can connect, share, and find your rhythm in this beautiful, messy, and amazing new chapter. You'll get helpful support and real talk from our parent educator plus a chance to breathe, bond, and know you are not alone.

| Mon, Sept. 8 to Nov. 3 Non-Separating Edgewood School | 10:30-11:45 am 9 sessions FREE Sibcare \$54 |
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| Mon, Nov. 10 to Jan. 12 No class: Dec. 22 & 29 | 10:30-11:45 am |
| Non-Separating | 8 sessions FREE |

Sibcare \$48

In this nurturing class, your child will feel supported and secure while learning school routines and discovering through hands-on learning and play. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with a parent educator to share insights, ask questions, and engage in thoughtful discussions on topics relevant to this dynamic stage of development. Join

us for shared growth, parent-child activities,

Terrific Twos

(Ages 24-36 mos)

Curious, energetic, and full of

wonder- 2s are natural explorers!

Tue, Sept. 9 to Jan. 20 9:15-11 am *No class: Dec. 23 & 30*

and family bonding.

Separating 18 sessions \$252 Edgewood School Sibcare \$108

Sibling Synergy (Ages Birth to Pre-K) In Sibling Synergy, brothers

and sisters- and their grown ups- come together to explore the joys (and occasional squabbles!) of sibling life. Through guided play, cooperative art, and collaborative circle time, children will practice sharing, taking turns and communicating their feelings. Each week, families will learn to resolve conflicts, celebrate each other's strengths, practice problem solving skills, and build deeper connections. Leave with simple strategies to keep the harmony going at home. Open to all sibling combinations!

Mon, Sept. 8 to Jan. 12 9:30-11:15 am

No class: Dec. 22 & 29

Separating 17 sessions \$238

Edgewood School No Sibcare

"ECFE was great for our family to help with separation. She would always come home so excited about all the crafts she did and talked about all their friends in class."

Play and Stay (Ages Birth to Pre-K)

Edgewood School

Kick off your week with smiles, wiggles and fun! Play and Stay is a relaxed, comeand-play class where families can explore, connect, and enjoy time together. Little ones get to discover new toys and activities while grown ups have a chance to chat, laugh, and ease into the week with community and connections. Come as you are and stay as long as you like-because Mondays don't have to be blue when there is playtime too!

Mon, Sept. 8 to Jan. 12 11:45 am to 1pm *No class: Dec. 22 & 29*

Non-Separating 17 sessions \$238 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Music and Movement (Ages 1-5 yrs)

Get ready to sing, dance, play, and make lasting memories together in this lively and engaging class! Designed to spark joy and connection, each session is filled with music, movement and hand-on activities that will keep little ones more than entertained. You'll discover new songs to sing, explore creative ways to play, and build special moments with your child. This fun-filled class is sure to become a favorite part of your week!

Tue, Sept. 9 to Nov. 25

Non-Separating
Edgewood School

Tue, Sept. 9 to Nov. 25

11:45 am to 1 pm
12 sessions \$168
No Sibcare

Tue, Sept. 9 to Nov. 25 4:30-5:45 pm *No class: Nov. 4*

Non-Separating 11 sessions \$154 Edgewood School No Sibcare





Welcome Baby (Ages Birth-12 mos)

Whether you are running on baby snuggles or three hours of sleep (or both), this free class is just for you and your little one. Join other parents in a warm, relaxed space where you can connect, share, and find your rhythm in this beautiful, messy, and amazing new chapter. You'll get helpful support and real talk from our parent educator plus a chance to breathe, bond, and know you are not alone.

| Tue, Sept. 9 to Nov. 4 Non-Separating Edgewood School | 1-2:15 pm 9 sessions FREE No Sibcare |
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| Tue, Nov. 11 to Jan. 20 No class: Dec. 23 & 30 | 1-2:15 pm |
| Non-Separating | 9 sessions FREE |
| Edgewood School | No Sibcare |
| Tue, Sept. 9 to Oct. 28 No class: Nov. 4 | 4:30-5:45 pm |
| Non-Separating | 8 sessions FREE |
| Edgewood School | No Sibcare |
| Tue, Dec. 2 to Jan. 20 No class: Dec. 23 & 30 | 4:30-5:45 pm |
| Non-Separating Edgewood School | 6 sessions FREE No Sibcare |
| | |

Preschool ESTEM (Ages 3-5 yrs)

Get ready to build, explore, and play your way into ESTEM! In this class, kids and their grown-ups will practice skills like creativity, problem-solving, and persistence through fun, hand-on activities. Each week offers new discoveries, while parents pick up tips and tools to support learning at home.

| Tue, Nov. 11 to Jan. 20 No class: Dec. 23 & 30 | 2-3:15 pm |
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| Non-Separating | 9 sessions \$126 |
| Edgewood School | No Sibcare |

Park Explorers (Ages 3-5 yrs)

Step into the great outdoors with your child in this nature-themed park class. All sessions will take place at Cleary Park where families can dive deep into blending play-based learning with outdoor fun! As a perfect extension to any preschool experience, this class features leaf science, scavenger hunts, nature ABC's and storytime under the trees. Our Nature Preschool teacher, Annie, will lead these expeditions into discovery and learning! If weather prevents us from meeting at the park, the class will be held indoors.

| Tue, Sept. 9 to Nov. 4 | 2-3:15 pm |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Non-Separating | 9 sessions \$126 |
| Cleary Park | No Sibcare |

Ones and Twos (Ages 12-36 mos)

Tue, Sept. 9 to Oct. 28

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Your little one is eager to explore the world, yet still craves a strong connection with you- this class is the perfect place to grow together. You and your toddler will enjoy songs, hands-on activities and playful learning experiences. During parent discussion time, we'll explore what fuels your toddler's energy and share practical and strategies for this exciting (and sometimes challenging) stage. Connect with other families, support your child's learning, and enjoy this special time together!

| Non-Separating | 8 sessions \$112 |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Edgewood School | No Sibcare |
| Thu, Sept. 11 to Jan. 22 | 8:45-10 am |
| No class: Oct. 16, Nov. 27 | 7, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 |
| Non-Separating | 16 sessions \$22 ⁴ |
| Edgewood School | Sibcare \$96 |
| Tue, Dec. 2 to Jan. 20 No class: Dec. 23 & 30 | 6-7:15 pm |
| Non-Separating | 6 sessions \$84 |

6-7:15 pm

No Sibcare

Toddler Time (Ages 12-30 mos)

Toddlers learn best when they're on the move- exploring, playing, and discovering the world around them. Children will enjoy the age-appropriate activities and learn from time with peer. Parents will have the chance to reflect and share the joys and challenges of toddlerhood with guidance from our parent educator. It's a warm, supportive environment for both you and your little one to learn and grow together.

Wed, Sept. 10 to Jan. 21 8:45-10 am *No class: Oct. 15, Nov. 26 & Dec. 24 & 31*Non-Separating 16 sessions \$224

Edgewood School Sibcare \$96



Roots and Wings: A Year Together (Ages Birth to Pre-K)

Join us for a full-year journey of connection, growth, and support in this separating ECFE class. Together we will explore parenting topics that matter-like setting boundaries with love, building emotional intelligence and nurturing independence. Through shared stories, insights, and practical tools, families will grow together-giving children strong roots of security and wide wings to thrive in their world.

Wed, Sept. 10 to Jan. 21 9-10:45 am

No class: Oct. 15, Nov. 26, Dec. 24 & 31

Separating 16 sessions \$224

Edgewood School No Sibcare

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Newborn Nest (Ages Birth to 16 weeks)

Welcome to Newborn Nest- your cozy, supportive stepping stone into the world of parenting. Led weekly by our parent educator and supported by a registered nurse, sessions feature guest experts on lactation, feeding, mental health, attachment, and more. Connect with fellow new parents to swap experiences and build lasting friendships. Enjoy on-site sibling care for older children and weekly nurse supervised weight checks.

Wed, Sept. 10 to Nov. 5 10:30-11:45 am *No class: Oct. 15*

Non-Separating 8 sessions Free Edgewood School Sibcare \$48

Wed, Nov. 12 to Jan. 21 10:30-11:45 am

No class: Nov. 26, Dec. 24 & 31

Non-Separating 8 sessions Free Edgewood School Sibcare \$48

"We love ECFE! Our kids love seeing friends, playing with new toys and activities. I love meeting new moms and making new connections. I enjoy getting new activity ideas."

Art Party (Ages 2-5 yrs)

A favorite for a good reason-Art Party is the perfect way to make colorful memories together. Each week brings new chances to create, explore and connect with your child through hands-on art fun. From squishy textures to splashing colors, your little one will love experimenting, and you'll love not cleaning up the mess!

Wed, Sept. 10 to Nov. 5 11:30 to 12:45 pm

No class: Oct. 15

Non-Separating 8 sessions \$112 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Wed, Nov. 12 to Jan. 21 11:30 to 12:45 pm

No class: Nov. 26, Dec. 24 & 31

Non-Separating 8 sessions \$112 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Busy Bees (Ages 1-5 yrs)

Get ready for a fun-filled time with your Busy Bee! From sensory exploration and creative art project to building activities, storytelling and songs, every moment is designed to spark curiosity and fun. This time with our early childhood teacher is sure to keep you both humming along!

Thu, Sept. 11 to Jan. 22 12:15-1:30 pm

No class: Oct. 16, Nov. 27, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

Non-Separating 16 sessions \$224

Edgewood School No Sibcare

Stroller Walk (Birth to 24 mos)

Love spending time outdoors? This is the class for you! Join us as we stroll at local parks that have good walking paths. Our licensed children's teacher will guide each session with engaging conversation and support for both children and caregivers. Participants will be emailed a list of the walking destinations before class begins. In case of inclement weather, you will be notified and the class will move indoors.

Thu, Sept. 11 to Nov. 6 1-2:15 pm *No class: Oct. 16*

Non-Separating 8 sessions \$112 Parks/Edgewood School No Sibcare



Advisory Council (Ages Birth to Pre-K)

Are you passionate about early learning and looking for

a way to give back? This free weekly class offers a unique opportunity to get involved! Once a month, during parent discussion time, you'll be invited to share feedback and ideas about our programming, help with fundraising efforts, and support our amazing teachers and fellow families. It's a great way to build community and make a difference. See our flyer on page 17.

Meeting Dates 10:30-11:45 am Thu, Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, March 12, April 16 and May 14. Separating 16 sessions FREE Edgewood School No Sibcare

Family Playtime (Birth to 7)

Whether you're building, pretending, crawling, or creating-there's something for your whole crew at this casual evening class. Older kids can dive into big ideas and babies can explore in our space designed for a range of ages and stages. Unwind from the day with a little creativity, a little curiosity and a whole lot of fun!

Thu, Sept. 18 to Nov. 6 6-7:15 pm

No class: Oct. 16

Non-Separating 7 sessions \$98 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Thu, Dec. 4 to Jan. 22 6-7:15 pm

No class: Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

Non-Separating 6 sessions \$84 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Podcast Ponderings (All Ages)

This relaxed, virtual class provides an opportunity to have grown-up conversations after your children's bedtime. Each week, you'll listen to a new parenting podcast, then join other parents to reflect, share and learn together. Episodes come from insightful shows like Good Inside and Raising Good Humans. Put the kids to bed, grab a cozy spot, and log on. Pajamas welcome!

Thu, Oct. 23 to Nov. 6 7:30-8:30 pm

Thu, Jan. 8 to 22 7:30-8:30 pm Virtual 3 sessions \$42

Bringing Nature Inside (Ages 1-5)

Children are natural investigators, and this class is designed to nurture their curiosity and creativity. Each week, age appropriate explorations will spark discovery and wonder in the world around them. You'll also learn how environmental education and science can easily be incorporated into your child's every day play at school and at home.

Thu, Nov. 13 to Jan. 22 1-2:15 pm *No class: Nov. 27, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1*

Non-Separating 8 sessions \$112 Edgewood School No Sibcare

ECFE



Fabulous Friday (Ages 1-5)

Happy Friday! Start your day with laughter, creativity, and connection by joining other families and our ECFE staff for a fabulous morning. Enjoy interactive activities, handson art projects, lively storytime and playful songs that will get everyone moving and smiling. It's the perfect way to kick-off your weekend!

Fri, Sept. 12 to Jan. 16 8:45-10 am No class: Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, 28, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

Non-Separating 13 sessions \$182 Edgewood School No Sibcare

My Grand and Me (Ages 1-5)

Kids- bring your grandma, grandpa or other special senior to this fun class. Spend this dedicated time together playing, doing art projects and other fun activities. Connect with fellow grandparents and learn new songs and extension activities from our early learning teacher.

Fri, Sept. 12 to Jan. 16 10:30-11:45 am No class: Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, 28, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

Non-Separating 13 sessions \$182 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Tiny Mouths, Big Topics Workshop (Ages Birth to 12 mos)

A fun, informative workshop for parents and babies. Explore the essentials of infant feeding and oral development in this fun, light-hearted class. We'll cover tongue ties, breast and bottle feeding, calming positions, nasal vs. mouth breathing and oral motor exercises, transitioning to solids, and choosing the best feeding tools. There will be Q&A time too! Perfect for new or expecting parents, this workshop offers practical tips and expert guidance to help your baby feed, breathe, and thrive from day one.

Fri, Oct. 3 and/or Dec. 12 2-3:15 pm Non-Separating 1 session \$14 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Parenting in the Preschool Lane (Ages 3-5)

Looking for a little extra preschool fun? This Friday class is just for preschoolers and their grownups! Kids will enjoy time with one of our preschool teachers for more learning, play and connection. Parents will have time to meet with a parent educator to talk about the ups and downs of life with a preschooler-things like big feelings, growing independence, friendships and the transition to kindergarten. It's a great way to add to your preschooler's week and connect with other families, too!

Fri, Sept. 12 to Jan. 16 9:15-11 am No class: Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, 28, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

Separating 13 sessions \$182 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Family Connections (Ages Birth to 7) In this class, families come

together to connect, share, and support one another in the journey of raising a child with special needs. In a warm, welcoming environment, you will find a safe space to celebrate joys, discuss concerns, and navigate life's challenges alongside others who understand. Siblings are welcome to attend with their family.

Meets Various Fridays 12:30-2 pm Sept. 19, Oct. 3, 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 5, 19, Jan. 16, 30, Feb. 20, March 6, 20, April 10, 24, May 8 & 22

Separating 15 sessions FREE Edgewood School No Sibcare



ECFE





BUILDING BABY'S BRAIN WORKSHOPS

Did you know your baby's brain will double in size by their first birthday? New brain connections are happening at an amazing rate--one million new neural connections every second! This hands-on workshop will teach specific and intentional ways to interact with your baby to help nurture optimal brain growth and healthy development during this pivotal time. Join Dr. Kristen Hager for this unique learning opportunity.



When: Fridays 2:00-3:15 10/10 and 12/5

Where: Edgewood School

5304 Westwood Drive, Prior Lake

Babies Birth-12 months

and their parents

Vidmar Family Finds Connections Through ECFE

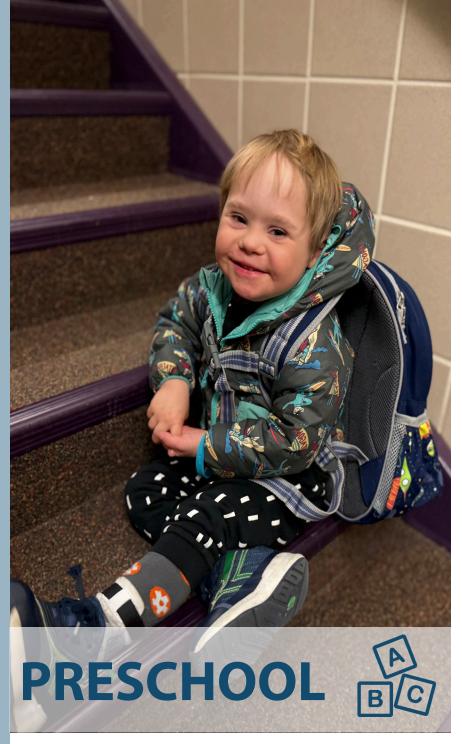


Lee, Anna, Charlotte, Evie Vidmar

We are the Vidmars! ECFE has been a staple of our weekly routine for a couple of years now. I started bringing our daughter Evie to ECFE when she was 2. The interpersonal communication skills developed by her have made the pre-k transition much easier. The gradual separating class has been especially helpful. Evie has always been with either my wife or I, so having her get used to being without us in a secure gradual setting has been great. I also look forward to talking with other adults during parent separation!

The parents and parent educators have been very helpful. To have common challenges and different perspectives on overcoming those challenges has been my favorite part of ECFE.

I would encourage all parents with young kids to get involved with ecfe to have a new community of people that are in the same season of life. As a stay at home dad, it's important to stay connected. Not only for your child's development, but for your development as a parent. ECFE is priceless for this.



We are committed to preparing your child for success in school and life skills! Starting preschool is an exciting milestone in your child's life. Our licensed teachers set up classrooms to help children discover a love for learning while working on social emotional skills that will help get them ready for lifelong learning.

We use a whole child approach that is focused on the individual needs and interests of our students through play based learning. Our school readiness standards are based on the Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress and staff follow a district approved curriculum to guide their lessons. Our classes incorporate our district's E-STEM philosophy. Our program has a 4-star Parent Aware rating.

For more information call 952-226-0950.

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Locations

Edgewood School 5304 Westwood Dr SE, Prior Lake

Preschool classes for 3s, 4s, 5s, and our new Little Laker preschool section are located here. There are full day and half day options. These School Readiness classes access both the indoor and outdoor learning environments.

Jeffers Pond Elementary 14800 Jeffers Pass, Prior Lake

Nature preschool classes are offered here, including both full day and half day options. The outdoors is the primary classroom with indoor spaces available as needed. We go outside in rain, snow & sunshine.

How do I register?

Class offerings can be found online. Register online or with a paper registration. Information can be found on our webpage: <u>www.priorlakesavagece.com</u>

Weather Cancellations

Preschool will follow PLSAS weather related closings. If school is closed or in online learning, Preschool is cancelled. If school is delayed 2 hours, there will be no morning Preschool classes. These cancellations will not be refunded or rescheduled.

Photograph and Video Opt-Out

Enrolling in Preschool or attending Preschool sponsored activities constitutes permission to take and use pictures and/or videos of yourself and your minor children in PLSAS publications, promotional materials and social media. If you would like to opt out of this, please contact Kristi Mussman at kmussman@plsas.org.

Questions or Need Help

Contact earlylearning@plsas.org or call 952-226-0950.



Preschool







Lakers Preschool Child Care and the Laker 3s program serve families and children ages 3–5, through quality programming in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment.

LAKERS PRESCHOOL CHILD CARE

Lakers Preschool Child Care partners with Circle of Friends Preschool to align and compliment curriculum while providing child care before and after preschool classes. Monday-Friday; non-school days.

LAKER 3S PROGRAM

Laker 3s offers full-day, child care for 3 year-olds not participating in Circle of Friends.

Monday-Friday



Connect + Learn More

952-226-0375 | kidscompany@plsas.org priorlake-savage.ce.eleyo.com/lakerspreschoolchildcare



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Screen at 3



Minnesota requires all children to be screened before entering public school kindergarten. The screening is most valuable soon after your child's third birthday and gives you and your child an early connection to PLSAS.

Screening is FREE and includes growth, development, and immunization checks. Your child will be assessed in preschool concepts, communication skills, motor skills and social-emotional skills.

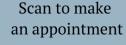
If your child has already been screened through HeadStart, in another school district, or your own medical resource, please provide the screening report. Children only need to be screened one time. Children do not need to be screened if they have an active Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Parents can choose to conscientiously object to screening for their child. If you object, please provide a signed statement indicating your conscientious objection to screening.

- Screening is FREE
- Get your questions answered
- Discuss important information

Have you scheduled your Early Childhood Screening?

Register online at www.priorlakesavagece.com Questions? Call: 952-226-0975







Edgewood School EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Be the voice for Early Learners!

The Early Learning Advisory
Council is a parent group who
meets monthly to support the
Early Learning Administration
with input and feedback

- Make a difference!
- Offer ideas, feedback and suggestions
- Meet other parents, make connections
- Our model includes a free ECFE class with a monthly meeting for ELAC.
 See page XX for more information
- You will make a big impact with low commitment!
- Help organize fundraisers and events!

For More Information Contact Vicki Spieler at vspieler@plsas.org or 952-225-0956





Community Education Programs





Registration Opens July 25!



Music Together (Newborn-6 yrs w/Adult)

Instructor: Kari Owens, Music Together

Discover the joy of making Music Together! Sing, laugh, move and learn along with your child in these award winning classes. We bring families together in a warm, supportive and comfortable environment. Because young children learn best from the powerful role models in their lives, our engaging classes show parents and caregivers how to help their children become confident, lifelong music makers. Infants under eight months on the first day of the fall session (born after Jan. 25, 2025) attend free with a paid sibling.

<u>Prior Lake Library -</u> 16210 Eagle Creek Ave SE

Fri, Sept. 12 Free Demo 10:15-11 am Fri, Sept. 12 Free Demo 11:15 to 12 pm

<u>Savage Senior Living at Fen Pointe -</u> <u>5950 W 13th Lane</u>

Thu, Sept. 11 Free Demo 9-9:45 am
Thu, Sept. 11 Free Demo 10-10:45 am

Thu, Sept. 25 to Dec. 4* No class: Nov. 28
#2904A_Savage 9-9:45 am
#2904B_Savage 10:10:45 am
*Class includes "grandfriends", residents
from Savage Senior Living.

10 sessions \$204/first child

\$124/additional child/sibling

Wish Upon a Ballet (Ages 3-6) Instructor: Maver Arts

This class offers a dynamic children's dance program blending popular stories with ballet, fostering creativity beyond steps. Through music, props like parachutes and scarves, children experience fairy tales while learning ballet fundamentals in an engaging manner. Stories and songs are child-friendly, ensuring a delightful experience. Participants develop strength, flexibility and an appreciation for dance and music. Each session concludes with a special performance for family and friends. Please bring ballet shoes and wear comfy clothes; shoes available for purchase on the first day.

Tue, Oct. 7 to Dec. 2 10-10:45 am **#2610_Sleeping Beauty** 9 sessions \$109
La ola del lago Community Ed Classroom

Creepy Cupcakes (Ages 4-7, w/Adult)

Instructor: Heather Novak

Indulge your sweet tooth and unleash your creativity in our Halloween-themed cupcake decorating class! Join us for a wickedly fun and delicious adventure as we transform ordinary cupcakes into hauntingly beautiful treats perfect for the season. In this hands-on class, participants will learn decorating techniques and tricks to create a variety of Halloween-themed designs using frosting and an array of decorative toppings. Participants are welcome to come in costume to add to the festive atmosphere! Please bring a cupcake tin or 9 x 13 pan to bring your creations home in and your imagination!

Mon, October 27 6:30-8 pm **#2507** 1 session \$49 Twin Oaks Middle School 308 FACS Room

Tennis: Little Stars (Ages 4-6)

Instructors: Carlson Tennis

Little Stars- Agility, balance, and coordination are emphasized. Movement and tracking skills give you the ability to properly handle a racquet and ball. Fun and success are the goals! The quickstart format, along with the Carlson Tennis teaching methods, get you playing quickly. Please bring an age appropriate racket. Rackets will be available for class use if you do not have one. Tennis participants may be invited to compete in tournaments outside of Tennis sessions. These competitions are not sponsored by Community Education, and additional fees may apply.

Wed, Oct. 1 to 29 5:15-6 pm

No camp: Oct. 15

#2866A1 4 sessions \$75

Wed, Nov. 5 to Dec. 3 5:15-6 pm **#2866B1** 4 sessions \$75

La ola del lago at Grainwood Gym

Acting Fun for Little Ones (Ages 4-7)

Instructor: Child's Play Theater

During this class, students will learn performance skills while putting on a production of a couple scenes from the classic Winnie The Pooh tales by AA Milne. In addition to acting skills, students will participate in a variety of acting games to improve their acting skills and some art projects to be used in the show production.

Sat, Oct. 25 to Nov. 22 10:30-12 pm

Performance: Nov. 22 - 1 pm

#2868 5 sessions \$75 Twin Oaks Middle School 107 Resource

Community Education Programs



COME IF YOU DARE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Halloween Party

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 2:30-5 PM TWIN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL



NEW! Pre-registration required at www.priorlakesavagece.com



*Canned good donations accepted for the CAP Agency

- Wear a Costume for Individual and Family Contests
- Play Games for Prizes
- Tour the Haunted House
- Dance to the DJ
- Food Trucks and More!

Questions? Call Bobbi at 952-226-0311 or email bbirkholz@plsas.org







Thank you to all of our volunteers and our generous sponsors who make this party possible:

Prior Lake-Savage Optimist Club, Prior Lake Lions, Prior Lake VFW Student Council, NHS, Jr. Optimists



PLSAS Early Childhood programs are thrilled to be engaged as a Unified Champion School for our youngest learners. Unified is a strategy to activate students, engage educators, and promote school communities of acceptance and inclusion where all young people are agents of change. Utilizing the sports and education initiatives of Special Olympics, students and faculty in Unified Champion Schools:

- Foster respect and dignity for people with intellectual disabilities
- Change actions and attitudes among their peers without intellectual disabilities

A few examples of Unified efforts in PLSAS Early Learning include

Unified Buddy Time promoting positive peer engagement and interactions, building a Unified library, classroom activities to learn about different disabilities, school wide recognition of Inclusivity Week, Autism Awareness and World Down Syndrome day, PACER Puppet visits and a Unified Track and Field event. We are looking forward to building upon the success of these initiatives by adding the Young Athletes program through Community Education. - -Live Unified!

UNIFIED schools CHAMPION

MISSION:

- Committed to Inclusion!
- Unifies students with and without disabilities to promote inclusion, acceptance, and respect for all!
- U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs & Special Olympics Minnesota.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

https://schools.specialolympicsminnesota.org/ 900 2nd Ave S, Ste 300 Minneapolis, MN 55402 Phone: 612.333.0999

Email: info@somn.org



IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT:

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Northern Star Scouting www.northernstar.org

Camp Fire MN www.campfiremn.org

City of Prior Lake 952-447-9800

www.priorlakemn.gov

City of Prior Lake

Recreation Dept. 952-447-9820

www.priorlakemn.gov/recreation

City of Savage 952-882-2660

www.cityofsavage.com

City of Savage

Recreation Dept. 952-224-3420 www.cityofsavage.com/parks-recreation

Girl Scouts River Valleys 800-845-0787

www.girlscoutsrv.org

PI AY

(Prior Lake Athletics for Youth) 952-440-7529

www.playinfo.org

Prior Lake Players www.plplayers.org

Prior Lake-Savage Hockey Association

www.plsha.com

Prior Lake Snowmobile Association

www.priorlakesnow.com

Prior Lake Soccer Club

www.priorlakesoccer.org

Prior Lake Youth Wrestling

www.priorlakewrestlingclub.org

Scott County Libraries

Prior Lake 952-447-3375 Savage 952-707-1770

South Metro Storm Swim Club

www.mnstorm.org

Three Rivers Park District 763-559-6700

www.threeriversparks.org

U of M Extension - Scott County - 4H

952-492-5410



Early Head Start

Head Start is a CAP Agency Program serving Scott, Carver and Dakota Counties. They offer Preschool Programs for Ages 3 to 5. Children with Special Needs are welcome and there is no cost to income eligible families. There is limited availability. For an application call 651-322-3500 or visit www.capagency.org for more information.

Crisis Nursery

The Crisis Nursery welcomes calls from parents in any situation needing a sympathetic ear, parenting tips or information about community resources. In a crisis situation, the Crisis Nursery may be able to provide short term child care for children ages newborn to 12 years, if their families are residents of Scott or Carver Counties. Call Crisis Nursery's help line at 612-839-5101. Trained advocates are available to help during a crisis. If you are interested in displaying brochures, making donations or volunteering as a care provider, contact the CAP Agency at 952-402-9851. Make a difference in a child's life!

Family Resource Center

Family Resource Center (FRC) is located at 1615 Weson Court, Shakopee, with additional locations across Scott County (Shakopee Library, Jordan Area Food Shelf, and Savage Library). They have a variety of hours of operation for the different locations. The FRC provides a wide variety of services including but not limited to parenting skills, support, and mentorship programs; early literacy and education programs; health and wellness services and programs; financial literacy classes; economic assistance navigation, housing consultation, legal information; domestic violence education and advocacy; and culturally specific service navigation and language access for LatinX and Somali communities. For more information call 952-818-3795 or 612-708-6935 or www. scottcountymn.gov/frc

Shakopee Community Assistance

Shakopee Community Assistance (SCA), The Toy Corner and Loaves and Fishes are located at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 1198th Avenue West, Shakopee.

SCA is committed to meeting the basic needs of nutrition, clothing, and hygiene for children birth to four from Scott County families in need. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-6:00 pm. Call 612-708-1668 or https://sca-mn.org for more information.

The Toy Corner has a mission to provide new and like-new toys to kids from families experiencing financial hardship who live in Scott County. They service children from birth to 15 years of age. Their hours of operation are Mondays and Tuesdays 3:00-6:00 pm. Call 952-737-9854 or www.thetoycorner.org for more information.

Loaves and Fishes provides a free dinner to everyone who needs or wants a free meal. Their hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:30-6:30 pm.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

WIC is a nutrition education program for women who are pregnant, nursing or postpartum and for families with infants and children under age five. The program provides nutrition information, counseling for pregnant and nursing mothers and supplemental foods such as milk, cheese, juice, cereals and infant formula to promote good health. WIC eligibility is based on household income guidelines. Appointments must be made in advance. If you live in Scott County please call 952-496-2125 or check the website at www.capagency.org for more information.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SNAP Formerly know as Food Stamps, helps Minnesotans with low incomes get the food they need for nutritious and well-balanced meals. The program provides support to help stretch your household food budget. It is not intended to meet all of your household's food needs. It is a supplement. If you are approved for SNAP, you can use your benefits at many stores, farmers markets and senior dining sites. For more information call 1-800-657-3698 or fns.usda.gov.

Are you or is someone you know being abused?

For help or information in Scott and carver Counties, call 952-873-4214 Visit www.svamn.org





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Class **Locations**

Edgewood School

Door 6W, Lower Level Entrance 5304 Westwood Dr SE, Prior Lake

Jeffers Pond Elementary

14800 Jeffers Pass, Prior Lake

2025-26 EL School Year

September 8 to May 29

Non School Days:

Oct. 115, 16, 17

Nov. 7, 26, 27, 28

Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31

Jan. 1, 2, 19, 23

Feb. 13, 16

Mar. 30, 31

April 1, 2, 3

May 25

Our Offices Will Be Closed

Sept. 1, November 26, 27, 28, December 24, 25, 31, January 1, April 2, 3, May 25, June 19, July 3



















Guidelines and Procedures

Class Confirmations | To receive a class confirmation, please provide an email address at the time of registration, a confirmation will be emailed to you. We will contact you by phone or mail if there is a change. Please list a daytime phone number so we can reach you if a class is cancelled.

Cancellation | ECFE reserves the right to withdraw a course due to lack of enrollment. If we have to cancel a class, families will be notified by email and a full refund will be issued. We are happy to help you find another class that will work for you.

Classes may be cancelled due to inclement weather. ECFE will follow PLSAS weather related closings. If school is closed or in online learning, ECFE is cancelled. If school is delayed 2 hours, there will be no morning ECFE classes. These cancellations will not be refunded or rescheduled.

Privacy | The information requested during registration will be used to verify eligibility as well as determine staff, facility and equipment needs. Your registration information may be provided to school district staff, volunteers, instructors, the school district attorney, insurer and auditor. Your email information is for internal use only and will not be sold or solicited.

Photograph and Video Opt-Out | Participating in Early Learning sponsored classes and events constitutes permission to take and use pictures and/or videos of yourself and your minor children in PLSAS publications, promotional materials and social media. If you would like to opt out of this, please contact Kristi Mussman at kmussman@plsas.org.

Tours | If you are not able to make the open house, you can schedule a tour to learn about our schools. To schedule a tour please email vspieler@plsas.org. In the subject line write "EL Tour Request". In the email, include 3 preferred dates for your tour.



COF Calendars and Supply Lists



Frequently Asked Questions



COF Class Options & Tuition



Tuition Assistance | If your family is in need of a scholarship to help with preschool tuition, a Pathway I Early Learning Scholarship application must be completed and submitted directly to the Families First of Minnesota office in Rochester Minnesota.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Families First of Minnesota communicates directly with families, they do not provide application status or

scholarship award information directly to Circle of Friends Preschool. Be sure to keep our office updated on the progress of your application and the award status.



Census It is important for the district to have accurate numbers, especially for all children birth to age 5. Being on the census ensures:

- The school district will have accurate numbers to plan for future students
- That you will receive information about Early Childhood programs and services available through the district
- That maximum funding is received by our district from state/local governments. If you have a new baby, a preschoolers or are a new family to the district please call the District Services Center at 952-226-0000 to be added to the census list.



ECRWSS
POSTAL CUSTOMER

Dated Time Sensitive Materials. Please Deliver by August 1, 2025



ELAC FALL PLAYGROUND PLAYDATE

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2025 9:30-11:00



WHERE: LOWER LEVEL, SMALL PLAYGROUND AT EDGEWOOD SCHOOL

The Early Learning Advisory Council of Edgewood School invites you to our fall play date. Meet other families, play and have fun together! Learn about our Early Learning programs opportunities with our Advisory Council.

Snacks and Activities provided.

All Edgewood families are weclome to attend. No registration required, just come for the fun!

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT VICKI SPIELER AT VSPIELER@PLSAS.ORG

OR 952-226-0956