

Mankato Area Public Schools Family Learning Center Early Learning Department



Spring 2019

March-May



“Where it all begins”...

Welcome



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Spring 2019

Dates To Remember

February 4	Online & Walk in Registration Begins
March 11	ECFE Classes begin
March 25-29	No Classes & Open Gym
April 19 & 22	No Classes & Open Gym
May 21 & 23	Ready for Kindergarten Event
May 24	Last day of Classes

Hello Spring

WELCOME

Early Childhood Family Education

Early Childhood Family Education provides programming and service to families of young children. Parents and caregivers are critical to a young child's development and provide a foundation for young learners' success. Early Childhood Family Education is designed to strengthen and support families through facilitation of parent-child activities by a licensed early childhood teacher, and parent discussion facilitated by a licensed parent educator. A variety of classes and outreach activities are offered for families with infants, toddlers and preschoolers with varied topics and interests.

What does a typical ECFE class include?

Parent-Child Activity Time

Families explore a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play and learning activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher. These experiences foster a child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical and language skills.

Parent Education Time

Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences and information about child development and parenting techniques. Research on early brain development, parent-child relationships, child development and guidance techniques are presented in ECFE classes.

Children's Activity Time

Children learn with the early childhood teacher and paraprofessional, and practice social skills as they interact with one another.



For more information visit our website at www.mankatoecfe.org to find the following information:

**Class Offerings & Program Information
Newsletters & Flyers
Preschool Information
Registration Information**

Infant Classes

Great Start 0-9 months

Non-Separating

Bring your baby to play in our ECFE classroom! You will find age appropriate activities to enjoy with your baby, simple ways to encourage your baby's development at home, and meet other parents with whom you can share ideas, concerns, and successes. Sibling care available

Course #: 9100-1

\$45

Mondays, March 11- May 20

10:30 -11:30 am

FLC RM 104

Course #: 9100-2

\$45

Tuesdays, March 12- May 21

6-7pm

FLC RM 106

Busy Bodies 10-18 Months

Non-Separating

Rolling...Creeping...Crawling...Walking! Share some special time with your "little mover". Get together with other parents with children of a similar age to engage with your little ones, as well as have discussion with other parents. Topics range from child development to finding time for yourself. Sibling care available

Course #: 9120-1

\$45

Mondays, March 11- May 20

6-7 pm

FLC RM 104

Course #: 9120-2

\$45

Tuesdays, March 12- May 21

9-10 am

FLC RM 104

Baby Sign 3-18 months

Non-Separating

As parents, we wonder what is going on inside their little heads as we wait in anticipation for their first words. By teaching your child gestures or signs as well as spoken words, they are more quickly able to understand and communicate with the world around them. Come and learn what sign language is all about.

Course #: 9110

\$45

Wednesdays, March 13-May 22

9-10 am

FLC RM 104

Family Open Gym & Playtime

Parents and their children
Birth - Age 5 are welcome!
Family Open Gym and
Playtime is great for large
muscle development. Riding
toys, balls and more will be
available.

Fridays, 9:30-11:30 am
March 15-May 24
NO Open Gym March 29 & April 19
Located at the Family
Learning Center



WELCOME TO THE WORLD LITTLE ONE!

Congratulations on your new baby and welcome to the Mankato Area Public Schools. We support parents and help you assist your child to grow, learn and thrive during this time. A complimentary gift certificate for your first infant session of classes is available. This gift certificate may also be used for infant-1 Ready for Kindergarten classes.

Toddler Classes

Little Wiggles 13-24 Months

Non-Separating

Your one year-old is busy, curious and ready to play! Together you and your child will play with a variety of toys, use art materials, learn songs and fingerplays and enjoy lots of movement. A benefit of this class is that you and your child will remain in the same room together while parent education takes place. Sibling care available

Course #: 9200-1 **\$45**
Mondays, March 11- May 20
9-10 am FLC RM 104

Course #: 9200-2 **\$45**
Tuesdays, March 12- May 21
4:30-5:30 pm FLC RM 104

Course #: 9200-3 **\$45**
Tuesdays, March 12- May 21
6-7 pm FLC RM 104

Course #: 9200-4 **\$45**
Thursdays, March 14-May 23
9-10 am FLC RM 104

Course #: 9200-5 **\$45**
Thursdays, March 14-May 23
10:30-11:30 am FLC RM 104

Little Explorers 18-28 Months

Gradual Separating

Toddlers are constantly on the go exploring with energy and wonder. That is their job. Join us in activities that encourage language development, self-help skills, and a variety of sensory activities. Gradually, as the class allows, parents will move on to the parenting room. As a parent, you will gain knowledge and support from a licensed parent educator and other parents during discussion time. Sibling care available

Course #: 9230-1 **\$65**
Tuesdays, March 12- May 21
10:30 am-12 pm
FLC RM 104

Course #: 9230-2 **\$65**
Wednesdays, March 13-May 22
10:30 am- 12 pm
FLC 104



Shakers and Movers 18-33 Months

Separating

Toddlers are always on the move! Enjoy some one-on-one time with your child while they learn a variety of skills through play. Gym time will be available for some classes. As a parent, you will gain knowledge and support from a parent educator and other parents when we separate for discussion time. Sibling care available

Course # 9420-1 **\$65**
Thursdays, March 14-May 23
6-7:30 pm FLC RM 104

Course #: 9420-2 **\$65**
Friday, March 15-May 24
9-10:30 am FLC RM 104

Music, Movement & Books 13-28 Months

Non-Separating

Music, movements and literacy is crucial to young children's development. This class provides a time for parents to participate in music, movement and book activities with their child as well as gain fun ideas for supporting your child's active learning and physical health.

Course #: 9210 **\$45**
Friday, March 15-May 24
11am -12 pm FLC RM 104

Foundations of Parenting Online Class

Online

Come join us for a 10-week course exploring what is vital to a strong foundation of parenting. Topics will focus on secure attachment, brain development, and parenting philosophy and goals. An overall theme of intention and reflection guides the thought process in this course. We will have bi-weekly chat sessions, weekly discussions, and various resources, all led by a licensed parent educator. Instructions for the course will be emailed to you one week before the session starts. If you want all the great ECFE parenting content but can't attend a session in person, then this is the class for you!

Course #9000 **\$10**
Wednesdays, March 13-May 22
Online



Visit us on
Facebook

2 & 3's / Multi-Age Classes

2-3 Year Olds

Separating

Being a two or three year old is a very unique time in your child's life. Language development is emerging, social skills are developing and physical and cognitive changes occur rapidly. The class will have parent/child interaction time followed by a parent only discussion time lead by a Parent Educator. Children remain in the classroom to experience learning activities, such as sensory exploration, dramatic play, large and small muscle experiences, in addition to storytelling, music and other literacy-rich activities under the guidance of an Early Childhood Teacher.

Course #: 9401-1 **\$65**
Mondays, March 11- May 20
10:30-12 pm FLC RM 103

Course #: 9401-2 **\$65**
Mondays, March 11- May 20
6-7:30 pm FLC RM 103

Course #: 9401-3 **\$65**
Tuesdays, March 12- May 21
8:30-10 am FLC RM 103

Course #: 9401-4 **\$65**
Tuesdays, March 12- May 21
10:30-12 pm FLC RM 103

Course #: 9401-5 **\$65**
Tuesdays, March 12- May 21
6-7:30 pm FLC RM 103

Course #: 9401-6 **\$65**
Wednesdays, March 13-May 22
8:30-10 am FLC RM 103

Course #: 9401-7 **\$65**
Thursdays, March 14-May 23
6-7:30 pm FLC RM 104



Math and Science 4-5 years

Non-Separating

Help your child explore the world using their senses. Join us as we explore, investigate, calculate and experiment with hands on math and science concepts. Learn with your child how fun, easy, and important it is to incorporate math and science into your everyday life. Sibling care available

Course # 9006-1 **\$45**
Mondays, March 11- May 20
6-7 pm FLC RM 106

Books and Beyond 2-5 years

Non-Separating

Delve into the world of imagination with your child through books. In this 1 ½ hour non-separating class you and your child will experience art, math, science, music, and nutritional activities that will correspond with the books you'll be reading. Sibling care available

Course #: 9007-1 **\$ 65**
Thursdays, March 14-May 23
10:30-12 pm FLC RM 103

Messy Art 2-5 years

Separating

"Paint, chalk, shaving cream, glue, glitter, spray bottles, spueegees, our hands and feet" what do all these items have in common? They are some of the tools we will need to "mess around" in the Messy Art class. So come prepared to get messy while you explore, create and have fun. The messy time will include children and their parent. There will be time for parents to discuss everyday parenting issues for ages 2-5 as well as the value of art and creativity.

Course #: 9008 **\$65**
Friday, March 15-May 24
10:30 am-12 pm FLC RM 103



READY! for Kindergarten

READY! For Kindergarten is a program of Mankato Area Public Schools' Early Childhood Family Education department, partnering with Mankato Area United Way.

What is Ready!? Ready! For Kindergarten provides workshops and take home materials and tools to inspire and empower parents and caregivers to help babies and young children develop strong brain connections that determine how they will think, learn, and grow.

Parents and caregivers attend a series of workshops each year, based on their child's age. They learn new skills and helpful tips to nurture development in ways that foster academic skills and personal behaviors to boost children's motivation, perseverance and engagement in learning.

Ready! facilitates interactions and active learning by using movement, play, exploration, communication and all of the child's senses- seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, and tasting.

How often do classes meet? READY! for Kindergarten is a series of three parent classes per year (fall, winter and spring) for parents of children aged birth to five. Register for each age group separately.

Who can attend? The parents/grandparents/guardians/care providers of children aged birth to five.

What is the class fee? Fee is charged on a sliding fee scale (\$35,\$25,\$15). Free learning toys at each class, free childcare for children 1 year or older.

Registrations are taken at the Early Learning office located at the Family Learning Center.

Register online at www.mankatoecfe.org - Click on mankato.ce.eleyo.com



Carefully choose the class section based on the year your child will enter kindergarten.

Birth-1: For children entering Kindergarten in 2023 (all 0-1 classes are free)!

Age 1-2: For children entering Kindergarten in 2022

Age 2-3: For children entering Kindergarten in 2021

Age 3-4: For children entering Kindergarten in 2020

Age 4-5: For children entering Kindergarten in 2019



Parent Education Program Dates:

**May 21- Birth- 1 yr, 1-2 yr
Family Learning Center**

**Orientation Class: 6:00 PM for first-time participants
Ready! Classes 6:30-8 pm**

**May 23- 2-3 yr, 3 yr-4 yr & 4 yr -5 yr
Family Learning Center**

**Orientation Class: 6:00 PM for first-time participants
Ready! Classes 6:30-8 pm**



Early Childhood Screening

Best to be screened at age 3
required before
Kindergarten Registration



**Call Central
Registration
507-207-4037
To make an
appointment
for a FREE Early
Childhood
Screening**

**Early Childhood Screening is a
comprehensive developmental screening
for children 3-5 years old.**

The purpose of Early Childhood Screening is to...

- * Increase parent understanding of child's health, development and school readiness
- * Identify conditions and risk factors that may affect a child's ability to learn and develop, make referrals for further assessment
- * Link families to parenting resources and preventive health care

A Parent Should Schedule an Early Childhood Screening Because....

- *It identifies, at an early age, any hearing, vision, growth or development needs.
- *It gives the parent valuable information about their child, information about school readiness and community resources.
- *It is required by the state of Minnesota before entrance into public school kindergarten.

**Earlier is better! The screening changes
with the age of your child, so there is no
reason to wait.**

**Is your child 3 or older? Call 207-4037 to
schedule a screening appointment.**

**Screenings are done at the
Family Learning Center, 820 Hubbell Ave,
Mankato**

It's story TIME



STORYTELLER

LEARNING READINESS PROGRAM FOR FAMILY CHILDCARE PROVIDERS



All learning materials are developmentally appropriate for children 3 to 5 years of age focusing on literacy and social emotional development. A packet of extended activities is provided for children to do until the next visit.

Providers will receive 4 FREE visits from the Storyteller. Each one hour visit will include:

- Stories
- Songs
- Finger Plays
- Creative Art Activities
- Language/Literacy Time & More

For more information please contact the Mankato Area Public Schools Early Learning Department at

507-625-4620.

HOME VISITING

Our Early Childhood Family Education Home Visit program is designed to provide individual support to expectant parents and parents of children ages 0–5. Home visits are conducted by a licensed parent educator to help support parents in their role as the first and most important teacher of their child. Parents will gain an understanding of child development and age appropriate behaviors, and receive support with other parenting joys and challenges. For questions and to schedule an appointment with a home visitor, call the Early Learning Department at (507) 625-4620.

WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM ECFE HOME VISITS

- Families without access to reliable transportation
- Families with children and/or parents having special medical, physical, or developmental concerns
- Families referred by other programs
- Pregnant mothers
- First-time parents
- Families who would benefit from individual support
- Families experiencing trauma or stressful family situations

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM OUR HOME VISIT PROGRAM

- Make connections with other community resources
- Problem solve any questions about family and parenting
- Learn about child development
- Discuss current parenting and family issues based on individual family needs
- Learn ideas and activities that are age-appropriate for a child
- A safe, confidential, environment to share and discuss personal issues related to parenting
- Gain support in the journey of becoming a child's first and most important teacher



Help Me Grow

<http://helpmegrowmn.org>

WHAT IS HELP ME GROW?

- Help Me Grow provides resources for families to understand developmental milestones and learn if there are concerns. This helps families take the lead in seeking additional support, or referring their child for a comprehensive, confidential screening or evaluation at no cost.
- Help Me Grow is an interagency initiative of the State of Minnesota Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Human Services. We partner with all local service agencies.

What do you need to know to help a young child develop, learn and grow?

- Developmental Milestones- Learn more about how a child develops from birth to five.
- Encouraging Healthy Development- Find ideas on how to support a child's development, healthy learning and growth.
- Get Help For A Child- Learn what to do if you have concerns about a child's development.
- Articles- Explore in-depth information on birth to five child development and growth and early intervention.

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MORE FOR FAMILIES !

Mankato Area Public Schools'
Community Education & Recreation

Winter 2019
January – April



Mankato Area Public Schools' Community Education & Recreation

Assuring learning excellence and readiness for a changing world by providing programming to reach all, teach all, and include all.
mankatocer.com

Adult Enrichment

Come and be a lifelong learner! Our classes for adults range from health & personal awareness, creative you, cooking, technology & many more. These classes give you something new you would like to explore to refining a skill that you forgot about.

- *Arts & Crafts
- *Pottery
- *Photography
- *Sewing
- *Horse Riding
- *Dancing
- *Spanish
- *Cooking

Youth Enrichment/Recreation

Come and stay engaged through out the school year with all sorts of fun while learning. We have great classes for all ages.

- * Archery
- *Home Alone
- * Volleyball
- *Chess
- *Taekwondo
- *Watch Me Draw
- *Prairie Fire Theatre
- *Special Events
- *Legos
- *Chinese

Visit www.mankatocer.com for all our offerings or call 507-387-5501 for more information.



Visit us on
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Mankato Community Education & Recreation



Family Learning Center (FLC)

820 Hubbell Ave, Mankato

Registration for Early Learning

or Program Questions:

507-625-4620

www.mankatoecfe.org

Other Location Addresses are:

Early Childhood Center

2077 Lookout Dr, North Mankato

Eagle Lake Elementary

500 LeSueur Ave, Eagle Lake

Rosa Parks Elementary

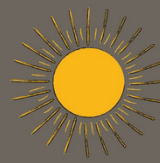
1001 Heron Dr, Mankato

Kennedy Elementary

2600 E Main Street, Mankato

Franklin Elementary

1000 North Broad Street, Mankato



Weather Cancellations

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY
EDUCATION PARENT/CHILD
CLASSES:

On days when MAPS K-12 students are released early or school is closed for the day due to severe weather conditions, Early Childhood Family Education classes will be cancelled.

When MAPS K-12 starts two hours late due to weather, ECFE classes that start at 10:30 will still be held.

If school is released on schedule and there is a threat of severe weather, the Early Learning Department will make a decision whether to hold evening class or to cancel. Weather related announcements will be made available to you.

Weather Related Announcements:
Weather related announcements can be heard on radio Z99.1, KYSM 103.5, KRBI 105.5 FM and KTOE 1420 AM T.V. Station KEYC-TV, **District Hotline 386-4777** and follow us on Facebook at MANKATO: ECFE.

Spring 2019 Registration

Registration will begin February 4, 2019

To register, go to mankato.ce.eleyo.com, use the drop down box to find ECCE. If you are unable to register online, you may stop by our office at the Family Learning Center, 820 Hubbell Ave, Mankato.

Spring Semester:

March 11 - May 24

(No Classes March 25-29, April 19 & 22)

Fees are payable by cash, check or credit card. Registrant wishing to withdraw their registration must do so no later than one week prior to the course start date. No refunds will be given if withdraw is made less than one week prior.

Scholarships for parent/child classes in the form of a reduced fee or waived fee are available for families in need of financial assistance (one per family).

Please bring a copy of your child's immunization records to the first class. If your child has not been immunized, we will need you to submit a signed exempt form to the Early Learning office.

Sibling care is available for most parent/child classes. Please look at a section that offers sibling care if you require this service. You will register and pay for sibling care at the same time you register for your parent/child class. Fees per semester are \$25 for the first child and \$12 for the each additional child. In addition, we ask that you provide one healthy snack item per term. Drop-in sibling care may be available if the staff-to-child ratio remains safe. Fees are \$4 for the first child and \$2 for each additional child. You must call 48 hours in advance to request drop in care.

You are welcome to visit your child in sibling care at any time.



Spring 2019 Registration Form



Register online, in person or by mail. Online Registration at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com
Mail to: 820 Hubbell Ave, Mankato, MN 56001 Family Learning Center. (Please use one form per child. Additional forms are available at the Family Learning Center office)

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Child's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
(First, Middle and Last Name)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____

Email (Print Clearly): _____

Additional Siblings in the family:

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Registration Information:

Class Title	Class #	Days Class Meets	Class Fee	Sibling Care Fee	Sub Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total:					_____

If sibling care is needed, you must register your child(ren) (Not all classes offer sibling care, make sure to check the class description.)

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Class #: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Class #: _____

We are residents of ISD 77 School district or have already been accepted as an open enrolled family into this school district. Circle: Yes Or No

Are you New to ECCE? Circle Yes Or No

How did you find out about ECCE? _____

Payment Information:

☐ Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____

Circle: Master Card Visa

☐ Check: Checks Payable to Mankato EFCE Check #: _____

☐ Cash: (DO NOT MAIL CASH)

For more Class Information please call 507-625-4620



Mankato Area Public Schools' Community Education & Recreation ACES Program offers care during the summer for students entering Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Little ACES summer care is offered 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Little ACES program offers a variety of age-appropriate activities.

Some of our daily activities include:

Outside Play	Reading
Sports & Gym	Arts & Crafts
Cooking	Science
Creative Play	Puzzles & Games

At Little ACES, we recognize that every student is an individual and that's why we are committed to providing an inclusive environment for all. ACES provides everything your child needs to have fun in a safe and well-supervised environment, with caring and professional staff.

MEALS

- Summer-breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack is included.



SUMMER ACES 2019

June 13-August 23

Summer Registration Dates

- Wednesday, February 6-10 for current ACES families
- Thursday, February 14-17 for all MAPS families
- Wednesday, February 20 for out of district families
- Registration Deadline: Friday, May 3rd

HOW TO REGISTER

How to Register

- Register online at mankato.ce.eleyo.com
- Register in person at 110 Fulton St., Mankato
- Registrations will not be accepted by phone

Registration will close when maximum site numbers are reached, or on the registration deadline.

Fee Payment Requirements

- Registration fee of **\$30** per family, per session
- All fees are billed in advance; late payments are subject to a **\$15** late fee

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact ACES Billing Office at (507) 387-5501 or visit our website at www.mankatocer.com

ACES is a Certified Child Care Center under the Department of Human Services subject to the standards of Minnesota Statutes, [Chapter 245H](#)