

MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# Minnetonka Preschool & Early Childhood Family Education

## 2021-22 Catalog

**Programming  
options for  
children  
and families  
birth-5 years,  
including  
Summer 2021**

2021-22 Registration Begins Thursday, February 4, 2021 · 7:30 a.m.  
[MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org](http://MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org) · 952-401-6812



*Where Dreams Set Sail*

## 2021 Summer Programming

### Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

#### Summer Babies

Birth-12 months | non-separating 😊

Meet other parents with infants and explore the infant/toddler classroom. Enjoy play, songs and rhymes with your baby! Talk about the joys and challenges of parenting and focused topics of discussion with fellow parents and a licensed parenting educator. This is a non-separating class.

412-Babies\* 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 8-July 27 MCEC

#### Summer Ones

12-24 months | gradually separating 😊

Your one year old is moving and exploring! Have fun with your child in a supportive environment where young children can grow their curiosity, and you can connect with other parents. Discuss the wonders and challenges of parenting a one-year old with parents and a licensed parenting educator.

431-Ones\* 8:45-10:15 a.m.  
Tuesday, June 8-July 27 MCEC

#### Summer Twos

24-36 months | separating 😊

Independence, language, problem-solving, and social skills are emerging! The ECFE classroom will foster all of these developing skills. Enjoy learning activities designed for your busy two-year-old. After parent-child interaction time, parents separate for a discussion facilitated by a licensed parenting educator.

411-Twos\* 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 9-July 28 MCEC

#### Summer Threes

36-48 months | separating 😊

Materials and activities to promote literacy, mathematical thinking, the arts, and social-emotional development are the focus of parent-child time. Parents will meet with a licensed parenting educator to discuss a variety of topics relevant to parenting a preschooler.

442-Threes\* 8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.  
Wednesday, June 9-July 28 MCEC

*\*Please select a summer ECFE class based on your child's age as of June, 1 2021. Visit [minnetonkacommunityed.org](http://minnetonkacommunityed.org) to view the 2021 summer ECFE sliding fee scale.*

😊 Sibling care is available for many classes see page 14 for details.



### Minnetonka Preschool Nature Adventure for age 3-5

(not yet in Kindergarten)

Enroll your preschooler in a nature-focused class with your licensed Minnetonka preschool teachers. The majority of class time occurs in the Outdoor Learning Center, connecting young learners to nature, creativity and scientific inquiry. Daily activities include: a nature walk, large group read aloud, free exploration, snack (provided by parents), and journaling. *Must be 3 by September 1, 2020. Minimum of 14 students required to hold each class. No class Monday, July 5.*

447-1 Mon./Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.  
June 14- July 21 \$310

447-2 Tues./Thurs. 9-11:30 a.m.  
June 15- July 22 \$310

# About Minnetonka Preschool



We are happy to schedule a tour with you at your convenience.  
952-401-6812

## *Where dreams set sail...*

Discover a place where children are inspired to wonder, create, learn, and dream. At Minnetonka Preschool, a love of learning is ignited by providing children with opportunities to learn about the world around them through hands-on exploration. Research-based curriculum focuses on social/emotional and cognitive development, as well as literacy, language, math and motor skills.

Minnetonka Preschool is part of Minnetonka Public Schools and is committed to world-class, child-centered excellence.

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Stay connected with Minnetonka Preschool and ECCE by following us on Facebook or by subscribing to our monthly digital newsletter, the *Mini Tonka Times*. To join our mailing list, please email Denise at [Denise.Nelson@MinnetonkaSchools.org](mailto:Denise.Nelson@MinnetonkaSchools.org).

# Minnetonka Preschool Class Options 2021-22

## Preschool - Pre-3s

Must be between 33-35 months old by Sept. 1, 2021.

		Section Number	
Mon./Wed./Fri.	9:15-11:15 am	419-1	\$302/month

## Preschool - age 3

Must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2021.

		Section Number	
Tues./Thurs.	8:30-11 am	419-2*	\$224/month
Tues./Thurs.	9-11:30 am	419-3	\$224/month
Mon./Wed./Fri.	8:30-11 am	419-4*	\$302/month
Mon./Wed./Fri.	9-11:30 am	419-5	\$302/month
Mon./Wed./Fri.	9-11:30 am	419-6	\$302/month
Mon. -Thurs.	8:45-11:15 am	419-7*	\$382/month
Mon. -Thurs.	9-11:30 am	419-8	\$382/month
Mon. -Thurs.	12:30-3 pm	419-9	\$382/month

\*Not eligible for Lunch Bunch.

## Preschool - age 4

Must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2021.

		Section Number	
Mon.-Wed.	12:45-3:45 pm	419-10*	\$325/month
Mon./Wed./Fri.	8:30-11:30 am	419-11	\$325/month
Mon./Wed./Fri.	8:45-11:45 am	419-12	\$325/month
Tues.-Thurs.	12:45-3:45 pm	419-13*	\$325/month
Tues.-Thurs.	12:30-3:30 pm	419-14	\$325/month
Tues.-Thurs.	12:30-3:30 pm	419-15	\$325/month
Mon. -Thurs.	8:45-11:45 am	419-16	\$444/month
Mon. -Thurs.	8:30-11:30 am	419-17	\$444/month
Mon. -Thurs.	12:30-3:30 pm	419-18	\$444/month
Mon.-Fri.	8:45-11:45 am	419-19	\$527/month
Mon.-Fri.	8:30-11:30 am	419-20	\$527/month
Mon.-Fri.	8:30-11:30 am	419-21	\$527/month

\*Not eligible for Lunch Bunch.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$100 and non-refundable first month's tuition are due at the time of registration.

All children attending Minnetonka Preschool must have a birth certificate and immunization records on file before the first day of class. All children registered for 3- or 4-year-old preschool must complete Early Childhood Screening by the end of their first month of school. 2021-22 Minnetonka Preschool starts the week of September 13.

"I love Minnetonka preschool, so much! The staff are very accessible and ready to connect families with any resource that they might need. It is a great place to learn, not just for kids, but for families."

— Minnetonka Preschool Parent



Visit [bit.ly/preschoolreg](https://bit.ly/preschoolreg) before Thursday, February 4 for detailed registration instructions.

## Lunch Bunch

3-5 years (must be 3 by 9/1/2021)

Is your morning preschooler enrolled in an afternoon language immersion class? Or, is your afternoon preschooler, enrolled in a morning language immersion class? If you answered "yes" to either question, you may need Lunch Bunch.

Lunch Bunch provides a time for Minnetonka Preschoolers to eat and socialize with their peers. Parents provide a bag lunch. Children are escorted by a staff member to and from preschool and language immersion programming. Children must be enrolled in Minnetonka Preschool in order to participate in Lunch Bunch.

If your child is enrolled in Junior Explorers childcare opposite of their preschool day, Lunch Bunch is not needed.

Tuesday	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	418-1	\$408/year
Thursday	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	418-2	\$372/year
Friday	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	418-3	\$324/year

Single days of lunch bunch may be available if space permits at a cost of \$13/day. Call 952-401-6812 for availability.



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# About Minnetonka Preschool

## Highly Trained Staff

Your Minnetonka Preschool staff love children and are highly trained in child development, CPR and First Aid, and providing individualized learning. Teachers are licensed in Early Childhood Education and have extensive knowledge of essential learnings for preschoolers.

## Engaging Environments

Warm and welcoming classrooms are essential for your child to learn, grow, and make friends. Intentional interest areas include dramatic play, blocks and construction, art, sensory play, music and movement, and literacy. The preschool day consists of discovery time, small group, large group/circle, snack, and outdoor/gym time.

## Individualization

Each child is unique. Minnetonka Preschool celebrates this and strives to enhance each child's experience. Staff differentiate and enrich curriculum and instruction to engage and challenge children at their individual learning level.

## Parent Involvement

Your Minnetonka Preschool teachers welcome questions and conversations. Home-school partnerships contribute to learners' success. Join Minnetonka Preschool PTO to meet other parents and support volunteer activities.

## Creative Curriculum

Focusing on key components of how children learn, Creative Curriculum promotes the development of cognitive, fine/gross motor, language, literacy, math and social/emotional skills. It guides developmentally appropriate, high-quality instruction.

## GOLD Assessment

GOLD Assessment is an authentic and comprehensive assessment tool aligned with state and national standards. It is designed to monitor the growth of all learners. The assessment data informs teachers' planning and instruction and also evaluates preschoolers' development and learning.

## Parent Aware Four-Star Rating

Parent Aware helps parents identify early education programs that implement best practices in preparing children for kindergarten. Attributes of a Four-Star Program include:

- » Facilitating ongoing assessment of child's progress
- » Continually adapting lesson plans and goals to meet individual student needs

## School Readiness & Tuition Assistance

Children who are three by September 1, 2021 and meet eligibility guidelines pay for tuition on a sliding fee scale. For more information regarding School Readiness and tuition assistance, please contact the School Readiness Liaison at 952-401-6815 or [jennifer.wenner@minnetonkaschool.org](mailto:jennifer.wenner@minnetonkaschool.org).

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# Junior Explorers Childcare



**Extend your Minnetonka Preschool day by adding Junior Explorers childcare for a fun and enriching experience!**

Junior Explorers is a high-quality childcare program for preschool-aged (three years old by September 1, 2021) children and offers care from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Whether before or after preschool, or all day childcare, Junior Explorers gives children a place to learn and play with friends. Our highly qualified staff ensure all activities are age-appropriate and provide a balance between structured and non-structured play.

## Junior Explorers Registration and Fees

Enroll your child in Junior Explorers after you complete your preschool registration at [MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org](http://MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org). A non-refundable \$100 registration fee per child is due at the time of registration. An additional \$100 deposit will be collected at registration, this will be credited toward your first monthly invoice.\*

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 4 and closes when we have reached capacity. Registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received. Requests for enrollment that are not approved will be placed on a wait list in the order in which they are received.

\*Families can withdraw their contract for a full refund of the \$100 deposit by Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. If a contract is withdrawn by June 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., a \$50 refund will be given. After Tuesday, June 15, there will be no deposit refunds. Call 952-401-6838 with registration questions.

2021-22 Junior Explorers Fees			
Type Of Care	Times	Daily	Add-a-Day
Before a.m. Preschool	6:30-9 a.m.	\$15.50	\$16.50
After p.m. Preschool	3-6 p.m.	\$15.50	\$16.50
Opposite a.m. Preschool	11 a.m.–6 p.m.	\$32.80	\$33.80
Opposite p.m. Preschool	6:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$32.80	\$33.80
Full Day	6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	\$59.00	\$61.00

**Register for Junior Explorers at the same time as Minnetonka Preschool. Childcare contracts will be approved on a space-available basis.**

# Junior EXPLORERS

## Scheduling Options

Enroll your child(ren) in Junior Explorers on a consistent schedule of two to five days per week, at the same time increments each week.

Need to add a day? Adding a day to your schedule from time to time is an option. Additions are approved on a space-available basis and require 24-hour advance notice. Add-a-Day rates will apply.

Schedule changes? There is a \$10 fee per child for each schedule change. We request that changes to your family's schedule be made online or via email at least one week in advance. Requests will be approved on a space-available basis.

## Ongoing Parent Communication

Our teachers welcome questions and conversations with parents. Ongoing communication helps you and your child's teacher stay up-to-date on learning activities. You will receive a daily report of what your child has done during the day and teachers are available for conferences by appointment.

## Experienced Staff

Our Junior Explorers lead teachers have a degree in education or child development. We provide ongoing training to our staff through classroom instruction, on-site training and online training. With children being grouped together by their age, we are able to provide a 1:10 staff to child ratio.

## Creative Curriculum

In Junior Explorers, we use Creative Curriculum, which addresses all of the important areas of learning, from social-emotional to math, technology and the arts. It also offers daily, built-in opportunities for observation, helping teachers clearly see the strong relationship between curriculum and growth.

## Four-Star Parent Aware Rating

Parent Aware's Four-Star Rating helps parents find programs that go above and beyond to prepare children for school and life. Programs earning a Four-Star rating are equipped to offer the very best in quality care, assuring you we are doing all we can to prepare your child(ren) for school.



## Junior Explorers Childcare Options

### BEFORE PRESCHOOL (6:30-9 a.m.)

Before school care includes a healthy breakfast snack.

### AFTER PRESCHOOL (3-6 p.m.)

After school care includes a healthy snack.

### OPPOSITE PRESCHOOL (6:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 11 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Care opposite an afternoon preschool class includes a breakfast snack. Care opposite a morning preschool class includes a snack. You may purchase a school lunch option for your child or send a bag lunch each day.

### FULL-DAY (6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)

For families seeking full-day care when your child is not in preschool.

### SUMMER

For families seeking care over the summer, when school is not in session.

# Community Education Immersion Options



Your child can attend Minnetonka Preschool, take a language, music, or dance class and go to Junior Explorers Childcare - all between pick up and drop off!

## Language Immersion

3-5 years

This unique program immerses children in Chinese or Spanish language, culture and traditions. Learning Chinese or Spanish is fun and happens naturally through games, movement, arts and crafts, music, drama and stories. This class is a wonderful precursor to Minnetonka Kindergarten Immersion and is also a great addition to your child's Minnetonka Preschool and/or Junior Explorers schedule. *Payment plans are available.*

### Spanish

Tuesdays	12:30-2:30 p.m.	MCEC
12-209-SIPM3	Sept. 14-May 24	\$1015

Thursdays	12:30-2:30 p.m.	MCEC
12-209-SITPM2	Sept. 16-May 26	\$929

Friday Mornings	9:30-11:30 a.m.	MCEC
12-209-SIAM1	Sept. 17-May 27	\$815

Friday Afternoons	9:30-11:30 a.m.	MCEC
12-209-SIPM1	Sept. 17-May 27	\$755



### Chinese

Friday Mornings	9:30-11:30 a.m.	MCEC
12-209-CIAM	Sept. 17-May 27	\$815

Friday Afternoons	12:30-2:30 p.m.	MCEC
12-209-CIPM	Sept. 17-May 27	\$755



# Community Education Enrichment Options

## Preschool-age Enrichment and Recreation

Check out our Minnetonka Community Education Catalogs for a full listing of preschool-age rec and enrichment classes. Summer registration will open in March and Fall 2020 registration will open in August.

**For more information, visit [MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org](http://MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org) or call 952-401-6800.**



## Minnetonka Community Education Rec Sports

3-5 years

Minnetonka Community Education offers a variety of sports and recreation programs for preschool-aged children throughout the year. From T-ball to Tiny Tonka Soccer and Amazing Athletes, we have something that appeals to each child's interests. Our caring, professional staff work to make each class a fun, enriching experience!

**For registration dates and class times, visit [MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org](http://MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org).**



## Tonka Dance Academy

3+ years

Tonka Dance Academy encourages creativity, balance, flexibility, and rhythm. Professional instructors encourage and inspire students as they explore the world of dance. Tonka Dance Academy offers classes in ballet, jazz, hip hop, and tap.

**For registration dates and class times, visit [MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org](http://MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org).**



## Preschool-age Enrichment

3-5 years

Minnetonka Community Education offers a variety of arts and STEM classes for preschool-aged children throughout the year, including non-school days. From LEGO® classes to princess and superhero art camps, we have something that appeals to each child's interests. Our caring, professional staff work to make each class a fun, enriching experience!

**For registration dates and class times, visit [MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org](http://MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org).**



## Minnetonka Music Academy Preschool-age Piano Lessons

4-6 years

Start your child's musical journey with private piano lessons! Our professional piano teachers have experience in teaching young children and use books especially written for young beginners. Lessons are either 30 or 45 minutes long and meet for eight weeks at MCEC. Classroom pick-up is available for students enrolled in Minnetonka Preschool or Junior Explorers at MCEC.

**For registration dates and class times, visit [MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org](http://MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org).**



## Minnetonka Music Academy Parent-Child Piano Lessons

3½-5 years + parent

Learn to play piano with your little one! Instructors will teach you and your child to play piano using the essence of Suzuki and Yamaha methods.

Lessons are 45 minutes long and meet for eight weeks at MCEC.

**For registration dates and class times, visit [MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org](http://MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org).**

**Questions  
about Minnetonka  
Community Education  
enrichment programs?  
Call 952-401-6800**

## HUG - Helping Us Grow

### Free ONE-ON-ONE visits for District families

The birth or adoption of your child is a very special event. It can also be a time filled with questions or concerns about your new baby, your family or yourself. Helping Us Grow (HUG) is a community partnership designed to support all expectant families and families with children up to 35 months. HUG provides:

- One-on-one visits with a caring, knowledgeable licensed parent educator.
- Current information on parenting, baby's development and community resources.
- Opportunities to connect with other families with newborns in the area.
- A new baby welcome gift and more!

For more information or to arrange a visit, contact Stacey Koehler@MinnetonkaSchools.org.

## Connect and Play

Welcome to this free, monthly opportunity to connect with other parents of young children and play in a space specifically designed for little ones. You do not have to be enrolled in a class to participate, however advanced registration is required.

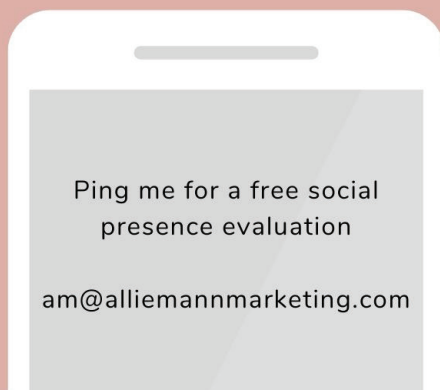
Wednesdays- once a month 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1, 2021  
January 5, February 2, March 9, April 6, May 4, 2022

Fridays- once a month 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
September 10, October 8, November 5, December 3, 2021  
January 7, February 4, March 11, April 8, May 6, 2022

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## Minnetonka ECFE parent + child classes

# Learn and grow with your child

Why invest in Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)? Because parents are the first and most important teachers in a child's life. ECFE is for both parents and children, age birth through Prekindergarten.

Weekly classes include parent-child interactive activities along with educator-led discussions. Follow your child's lead during parent-child time (first half of class). Relax and enjoy learning more about his/her interests. Songs, finger plays and stories will be introduced. Some activities, like painting and circle time, become favorites.

Parent discussion time (second half of class) is led by a licensed parent educator. This is an opportunity for parents to process joys and concerns, problem solve and share insights and resources. Topics may include sibling rivalry, toilet training, child development, self-regulation, temperament, sleep and more.

There are non-separating, gradually separating and separating classes, based on what is developmentally appropriate for your young learner(s).

- Non-separating - Parents remain in the parent-child classroom for parent discussion
- Gradually-separating - Parents gradually transition from the majority of parent discussion taking place in the parent-child classroom to the entire parent discussion time happening in a separate room.
- Separating - Children and parents separate at the end of parent-child activity time, and parents move to a different room for discussion. Children enjoy a light snack and more classroom exploration with guidance from a licensed early childhood teacher and staff.

Strong parent-child relationships give young children a sense of comfort, safety, confidence, and encouragement as they grow more independent with age. Gradual separation progression in ECFE classes is an intentional, developmentally appropriate practice that supports the attachment relationship. For more information on child development and attachment at these young ages, please visit: [www.zerotothree.org](http://www.zerotothree.org).

# Minnetonka ECFE Classes

## 2021-22 ECFE CLASSES

### Baby & Me Classes

Birth-12 months | non-separating 😊

Meet other parents and enjoy time with your new baby! Spend the entire class together, engaged in sensory and movement activities and a licensed educator-led discussion. Learn about your baby's growth and development, how to develop healthy eating and sleeping habits and what research tells us about your baby's important first experiences.

*If you are on maternity/paternity leave for a limited time and only able to attend a few classes, let us know and we will prorate your fee.*

0-12 months | Fridays  
Section 412-2 9:15-10:30 a.m.  
Sept. 24- May 13

0-12 months | Thursdays  
Section 412-3 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Sept. 23- May 12

Expecting a new baby after Sept. 1, 2021? We will start a mid-year class based upon your child's age as of Jan. 1, 2022. Prorated fees apply.

0-12 months | Tuesdays  
Section 412-4 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Jan. 25- May 10

### Crawlers & Scooters

6-12 months | non-separating 😊

As your baby grows, you encounter a world of new experiences and milestones together. Start your morning by connecting with others who are experiencing the joys and challenges of parenting older infants.

Tuesdays  
Section 405-1 9-10:30 a.m.  
Sept. 21- May 10

### Just Toddling

12-18 months | gradually-separating 😊

Toddlers are curious, busy and on the go! Spend time with other parents who have the same questions and concerns about this stage of their child's life. Enjoy activities with your toddler and an educator-led discussion about this period of rapid growth.

Mondays  
Section 431-2 9:15-10:45 a.m.  
Sept. 20-May 9

Thursdays  
Section 431-3 9:15-10:45 a.m.  
Sept. 23-May 12



😊 Sibling care is available for many classes see page 14 for details.

### Curious Climbers

18-24 months | gradually-separating 😊

At 18-24 months, your curious toddler is exploring their environment in several ways and adding new words to their spoken vocabulary every day! Interact with your child through fun activities and share about your experience with this new stage of independence in an educator-led discussion.

Tuesdays  
Section 428-2 9-10:30 a.m.  
Sept. 21- May 10

Thursdays  
Section 428-3 9-10:30 a.m.  
Sept. 23- May 12

### Movers & Shakers

24-36 months | separating 😊

Between the ages of two and three, your child is a mover and shaker in a world full of wonder and discovery. Explore this world with them and gather for a discussion with other parents experiencing life with a toddler who is talking, becoming independent and challenging rules with a new found confidence.

Tuesdays  
Section 411-2 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Sept. 21- May 10

Thursdays  
Section 411-3 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Sept. 23- May 12



**HOW TO ENROLL:** Fall registration opens for ECFE classes on Thursday, February 4. Please select a class based on your child's age as of Sept. 1, 2021. For class fees, see the sliding scale on page 14. All classes are held at Minnetonka Community Education Center. Visit [minnetonka.ce.eleyo.com](http://minnetonka.ce.eleyo.com) to set up an account and enroll.

You may also call 952-401-6812 or visit [minnetonkacommunityed.org](http://minnetonkacommunityed.org) for registration instructions.

## Multi-age

12-48 months | separating 😊

Join other families with young children for fun, hands-on activities followed by discussion with a licensed parenting educator. Conversation topics may range from behavior strategies to eating and sleeping routines.

Wednesdays 9-10:30 a.m.  
Section 450-1 Sept. 22- May 11

## Night Owls

1-5 years | separating

Night Owls is a great way to reconnect with your child(ren) after a long day. Join other families for fun activities, followed by an educator-led discussion. Conversation topics range from behavior strategies to eating and sleeping routines.

Tuesdays 5:45-7 p.m.  
Section 406-1 Sept. 21- May 10

## Rise & Shine

1-5 years | separating

A Saturday morning learning adventure! Enjoy time playing and learning together through activities designed for you and your child. Boost your parenting skills through parent discussion while children interact with their peers and teachers.

Saturdays- twice a month 9-10:30 a.m.  
Section 442-1 Oct. 2-May 7

## Parent Book Club

Parent Only- in person or virtual

Our first book for Fall 2021 will be *The Power of Showing Up: How Parental Presence Shapes Who Our Kids Become and How Their Brains Are Wired*, by Dr. Daniel Siegel and Dr. Tina Payne Bryson. Based on the latest brain and attachment research, *The Power of Showing Up* shares stories, scripts, simple strategies, illustrations, and tips for honoring the Four S's: Safe, Seen, Soothed, Secure, effectively in all kinds of situations.

Fridays 9:15-10:30 a.m.  
Section 454 Sept. 24-May 13

*For class fees, see the sliding scale on page 14.*

Tell us what kind of ECFE classes would be helpful for your family. Use this QR code to reply to our survey.



## STEM: Science Discovery

3-5 years | non-separating

Explore fun science topics with your child during these afternoon or evening parent + child classes! All classes align with elementary life science, earth science, physical science and/or nature of science and engineering standards.

The fee is \$22 per class, per child- or register for all six classes at once for \$117 per child. All afternoon classes are held from 1:15-2:30 p.m. and all evening classes are held from 6:15-7:30 pm. Sibling care is not available.

**WHAT'S THE MATTER** Tuesday, Oct. 5 Section 413-1

Come and learn about different kinds of matter: solids, liquids, and gases. How do they change? We will have many sensory experiences and make some goo.

**SINK OR FLOAT** Tuesday, Nov. 9 Section 413-2

Why do some things float? Why do some things sink? We will perform a lot of exciting experiments and create a sink and float kit to test out hypotheses.

**INCREDIBLE EGGS** Tuesday, Jan. 11 Section 413-3

Do eggs float? What is an egg? What can you do with recycled egg shells? We will investigate these questions and build a wall for Humpty Dumpty!

**HEALTHY BODIES** Tuesday, Feb. 8 Section 413-4

Our bodies have wonderful capabilities. We will have fun activities to show how exercise and healthy food is important to our bodies. Explore how we use our eyes, ears, nose and mouth to learn about the world around us.

**GROWING THINGS** Tuesday, March 8 Section 413-5

Spring is almost here! What can we grow? Learn about plants and how they grow. We will grow a mystery garden and grow some things that are not alive!

**CREEPY CRAWLERS** Tuesday, April 5 Section 413-6

The ground is starting to thaw. Let's explore the world of insects and worms. Come prepared to take a nature walk.



# About Minnetonka ECFE

## Minnetonka Child & Family Support

This program provides services to families whose children, ages birth to kindergarten, are showing challenging behaviors in the home or in an early childhood setting. For information call Dana Teller at 952-401-6820 or [Dana.Teller@MinnetonkaSchools.org](mailto:Dana.Teller@MinnetonkaSchools.org).

## Are you in the school census?

Being in the census ensures that you will receive ECFE mailings, be notified for Early Childhood Screening and receive kindergarten information when your child becomes eligible to attend. Contact us if you have recently had a baby, moved to a new home or did not receive this catalog in the mail.

## Preschool & ECFE PTO & Advisory Council

Want to get more involved? The PTO/Advisory Council is a group of parent volunteers dedicated to supporting Preschool and Early Childhood Family Education through fundraising, planning special events, lobbying before the legislature and offering feedback for program planning. PTO/Advisory Council efforts support and enrich programs for all families with young children in Minnetonka Schools.



## Minnetonka Preschool and ECFE Fees, Cancellation and Refunds

ECFE classes meet from mid-September through mid-May. Class fees are due at registration. The ECFE fees listed below are based upon your family's combined gross household income. Please call the ECFE office at 952-401-6812 if the fee is a hardship for your family. No one will be turned away because of an inability to pay.

Full refunds are given when Minnetonka Preschool & ECFE cancels a class, in this case, you will be notified via email. If you need to withdraw from a class, the request must be submitted via email to Denise Nelson at [Denise.Nelson@MinnetonkaSchools.org](mailto:Denise.Nelson@MinnetonkaSchools.org). Please include your child's name, name of the class and the last day attending in the email.

**For ECFE families,** requests for refunds must be received five business days before the first day of class for a full refund minus a \$20.00 cancellation fee. No refunds are given for missed classes. No refunds are issued when requests are received less than 5 business days before the first day of class.

**For Minnetonka Preschool families,** your first months' tuition and \$100.00 deposit are non-refundable. Tuition is due at the first of the month and all payments are done electronically. There is a \$20 charge for any payment that does not process. No refunds are given for missed classes or when you withdraw within the month.

**For Lunch Bunch families,** requests for refunds must be received five business days before the first day of class for a full refund minus a \$20.00 cancellation fee. No refunds are issued when requests are received less than 5 business days before the first day of class.

**For Summer Programming,** requests for refunds must be received five business days before the first day of class for a full refund minus a \$20.00 cancellation fee. No refunds are issued when requests are received less than 5 business days before the first day of class.

### ☺ SIBLING CARE 3 months-5 years

The ☺ symbol denotes classes with sibling care available. Care is available for siblings while parents take a class with another child. Trained paraprofessionals provide a warm and friendly atmosphere with weekly art activities. Register for sibling care at the same time as ECFE classes. See sliding fee chart for sibling care fees. The drop-in sibling care fee is \$15 and based upon availability. *\*Please note: Parents must remain in the building while their children attend sibling care.*

### 2021-22 ECFE SLIDING FEE SCALE

GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME	WEEKLY ECFE CLASSES	MID-YEAR BABY & ME, RISE & SHINE	PARENT BOOK CLUB	SIBLING CARE PER CHILD
OVER \$130,000	\$594	\$297	\$197	\$322
\$100-129,999	\$506	\$253	\$164	\$309
\$80-99,999	\$416	\$208	\$145	\$265
\$60-79,999	\$327	\$164	\$123	\$208
\$40-59,999	\$239	\$120	\$81	\$139
UNDER \$40,000	NO FEE	NO FEE	NO FEE	\$26

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## Minnetonka Preschool and Junior Explorers Info Sessions

VIRTUAL session Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m.

IN PERSON sessions at MCEC Tuesday, January 26 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, January 30 at 9 a.m.

## Online Registration for 2021-22 Preschool, Junior Explorers, Summer ECFE and Preschool Nature Adventure

Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

### Have you scheduled your child's screening?

Early Childhood Screening is a free developmental check-up required by the State of Minnesota for all preschool-aged children.

#### What is Early Childhood Screening?

It is a FREE opportunity for children to participate in a health and developmental screening after their third birthday. State law requires screening for all children prior to kindergarten entrance. Screening may detect possible health or learning concerns that can result in help and support before kindergarten entry. Watch a video about screening here: [bit.ly/ecscreening](https://bit.ly/ecscreening)

#### What happens at Early Childhood Screening?

Parents accompany their child through the screening process. Your child will complete activities with a developmental screener where speech, motor, and cognitive skills will be reviewed. Children will have their height, weight, vision, hearing, and immunization history checked. Parents will then meet with a teacher to review the screening results, including social and emotional development, and to discuss any concerns they may have. Appointments last 45-60 minutes.

#### Who needs to be screened?

All children in the Minnetonka School District who are 3, 4, or 5 years old and are not currently enrolled in kindergarten. Screening at age three is highly recommended.

#### How do I schedule an appointment?

It is easy! Register online at [bit.ly/ECScreening](https://bit.ly/ECScreening)

#### Screening questions?

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