

**FALL 2021
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FAMILY LEARNING CENTER
Early Learning Department**



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We really appreciate all that you guys are doing to make these classes such a high point of our week, especially with Covid. You are awesome!! "Kimberly"

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 13 **ECFE Classes begin**

SEPTEMBER 17 **Open Gym**

OCTOBER 8 & 15 **Open Gym**

OCTOBER 12 & 14 **Ready! for Kindergarten**

OCTOBER 21 & 22 **No Classes**

NOVEMBER 12 & 19 **Open Gym**

NOVEMBER 19 **Last day of classes**



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 |
Registrations Information**

INFANT CLASSES

GREAT START 0-9 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Bring your baby to play in our ECCE 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. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Sibling care available.

COURSE #: 9100-1 **\$45**
Mondays, Sep 13 - Nov 15
10:30 - 11:30 am FLC RM 104

Course #: 9100-2 **\$45**
Tuesday, Sep 14 - Nov 16
6 - 7 pm FLC RM 107

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. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Sibling care available.

COURSE #: 9120-1 **\$45**
Mondays, Sep 13 - Nov 15
6 - 7 pm FLC RM 104

COURSE #: 9120-2 **\$45**
Tuesdays, Sep 14 - Nov 16
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. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting.

COURSE #: 9110-1 **\$45**
Mondays, Sep 13 - Nov 15
4:30 - 5:30 pm FLC RM 104



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 Ready for Kindergarten classes.

TODDLER CLASSES

LITTLE WIGGLERS 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 finger plays 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. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Sibling care available.

COURSE #: 9200-1	\$45
Mondays, Sept 13 - Nov 15	FLC RM 104
9 - 10 am	
COURSE #: 9200-2	\$45
Tuesdays, Sept 14 - Nov 16	FLC RM 104
4:30 - 5:30 pm	
COURSE #: 9200-3	\$45
Tuesdays, Sept 14 - Nov 16	FLC RM 104
6 - 7 pm	
COURSE #: 9200-4	\$45
Thursdays, Sept 16 - Nov 18	FLC RM 104
9 - 10 am	
COURSE #: 9200-5	\$45
Thursdays, Sept 16 - Nov 18	FLC RM 104
10:30 - 11:30 am	



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. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Sibling care available.

COURSE #: 9230-1	\$65
Tuesdays, Sept 14 - Nov 16	FLC RM 104
10:30 am - 12 pm	
COURSE #: 9230-2	\$65
Wednesdays, Sept 15 - Nov 17	FLC RM 104
10:30 am - 12 pm	



TODDLER CLASSES

SHAKERS AND MOVERS 18-33 MONTHS

Separating

Toddlers are always on the move! Enjoy some one on one time with you 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 #: 9220

\$65

Fridays, Sept 17 - Nov 19

FLC RM 104

9 -10:30 am

MUSIC, MOVEMENT & BOOKS 13-28 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Come and enjoy music, movement and books with your toddler! This class provides a time for parents to participate in music, movement, and book activities with their child. During this class, we will use songs, books, and larger motor skills to help foster literacy development, active learning, and physical health.

COURSE #: 9210

\$45

Wednesdays, Sept 15 - Nov 17

FLC RM 104

9 -10 am



ONLINE PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUP Online

Come join us for a 10-week journey exploring what is vital to a strong foundation of parenting! Topics will focus on attachment, brain development, social emotional learning, and parenting philosophy and goals. This online discussion will be lead by a licensed parent educator by sharing videos, information, and posting discussion questions. Parents can participate and respond to the discussion questions throughout the week as it fits their schedules. A biweekly chat will also be held for those who are able to participate every other Wednesday evening, but not required. Participants will receive more details on how to participate a week before the session will begin.

COURSE #: 9000

FREE

Wednesdays, Sept 15 - Nov 17

Online

AGES 2 & 3

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. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting.

COURSE #: 9401-1 **\$65**
Mondays, Sept 13-Nov 15 FLC RM 103
10:30 am- 12 pm

COURSE #: 9401-2 **\$65**
Mondays, Sept 13-Nov 15 FLC RM 103
6 -7:30 pm

COURSE #: 9401-3 **\$65**
Tuesdays, Sept 14-Nov 16 FLC RM 103
8:15 - 9:45 am

COURSE #: 9401-4 **\$65**
Tuesdays, Sept 14-Nov 16 FLC RM 103
10 - 11:30 am

COURSE #: 9401-5 **\$65**
Tuesdays, Sept 14-Nov 16 FLC RM 103
6 - 7:30 pm

COURSE #: 9401-6 **\$65**
Wednesdays, Sept 15-Nov 17 FLC RM 103
8:30 - 10 am

COURSE #: 9401-7 **\$65**
Thursdays, Sept 16-Nov 18 FLC RM 103
6 - 7:30 pm

MESSY ART 2-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

"Paint, chalk, flour, oatmeal, glue, glitter, hands and feet..." What do all these items have in common? These are just a few tools we will use to "mess around" in our class. So, come prepared to explore, create, and have fun! Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting.

COURSE #: 9008 **\$45**
Friday, Sept 17-Nov 19 FLC RM 103
11 am - 12 pm

BOOKS AND BEYOND 2-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

Dive 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. Parenting tips will be shared. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting.

COURSE #: 9007-1 **\$65**
Thursdays, Sept 16- Nov 18 FLC RM 103
10:30 am - 12 pm



MULTI-AGE CLASSES



PARENTING FOR EQUITY 3-5 YEARS

Separating

There is no perfect way to talk to young children about race, racism, equity, anti-racism, and justice. Let's do this together! This class will explore how racial identity develops, share how to use children's books to aid in conversations, examine what role parents play in raising race-conscious children, and help you understand how our own experiences and biases shape our beliefs and values. Join us as we share these brave conversations together and learn strategies for anti-racist parenting.

COURSE #: **\$45**
Tuesday, Sept 14 - Nov 16 **FLC RM 103**
4:30 - 5:30 pm

STEM CLASS 3-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

Help your child explore the world using their senses.
Join us as we explore, investigate, calculate, & 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. This is a non-separating class taught by an Early Childhood Teacher. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting.

COURSE #: 9009 **\$45**
Mondays, Sept 13 - Nov 15 **FLC RM 106**
6 - 7 pm

MORNING NATURE CLASS 3-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

In this class we will be using our senses to learn and explore nature. There will be days when our class time will be walking trails, watching bugs, collecting sticks or rocks, using a magnifying glass or smelling flowers and pine trees. Please come dressed to be outside. We'll be playing and hiking in all types of weather. Rain boots and a raincoat make exploring more fun on wet days.

COURSE #: 9010 **\$45**
Fridays, Sept 17 - Nov 19 **FLC RM 103**
11 am - 12 pm

FAMILY NATURE MEETUP CLASS

BIRTH - 8 YEARS

Non-Separating

Nature will be our guide as we explore, learn, and grow outside together at Rasmussen Woods (off Stolzman Road). The Nature Meetup is for all families whether you are an avid explorer with your little ones or just want to try something new. We welcome backpack babies and children birth - 8yrs. You, the parents, or caregiver, will stay with your children during the nature meetup. you get to explore and play too. Please come dressed to be outside. We'll be playing and hiking in all types of weather. Rain boots and raincoats make exploring more fun on wet days.

COURSE #: 9011 **\$45**
Wednesdays, Sept 15 - Nov 3 **Rasmussen**
4:30 - 5:30 pm **Woods**

READY! FOR KINDERGARTEN

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READY! For Kindergarten is a program of
Mankato Area Public Schools'
Early Childhood Family Education Department

What is Ready! For Kindergarten?

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 (\$40,\$30,\$20). Fee includes learning toys for each class.

**FALL READY!
FOR KINDERGARTEN WILL BE
AT THE FAMILY LEARNING CENTER
LOCATED AT 820 HUBBELL AVE,
MANKATO.**

October 12 & 14

6:30 pm – 8 pm.

Program dates:

October 12- Birth- 1, 1-2 yr, 2-3 yr

October 14- 3-4 yr, 4-5 yr

Orientation class for first time parents at 6pm.

**CAREFULLY CHOOSE THE CLASS
SECTION BASED ON THE YEAR YOUR
CHILD WILL ENTER KINDERGARTEN**

Birth- 1: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2026

Age 1-2: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2025

Age 2-3: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2024

Age 3-4: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2023

Age 4-5: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2022

Registrations are taken at the Early Learning office located at the Family Learning Center. or Register online at www.mankatoecfe.org - Click on mankato.ce.eleyo.com

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EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Best to be screened at age 3
Required before
Kindergarten Registration



**Call Central
Registration
507-387-2125
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 507-387-2125 to schedule a screening appointment.

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
- Expecting 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
- Encouragement, support, and strategies to aid your parental development.
- Discuss current parenting and family issues based on individual family needs
- Learn developmentally appropriate activities to support your child's development.
- 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 inter-agency 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.

HELP ME

GROW

PARENT INFORMATION

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

FAMILY OPEN GYM & PLAYTIME

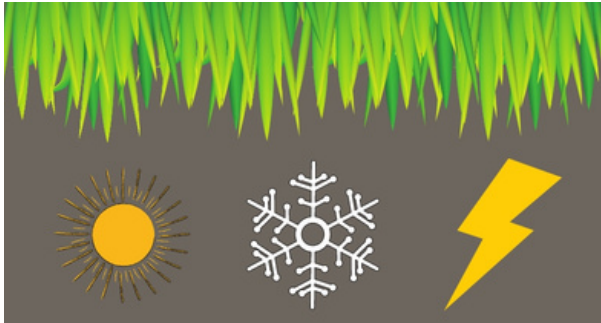
Parents and their children Birth- Age 5 are
WELCOME! Family Open Gym and Playtime is
great for large muscle development. Riding toys,
balls, and more will be available.

Fridays, 9:30 - 11:30 am
September 17
October 8 & 15
November 12 & 19

**LOCATED AT THE
FAMILY LEARNING CENTER**

MORE FOR FAMILIES!

Visit Mankato Community Education & Recreation
at www.mankatocer.com for all our offerings or call
507-387-5501 for more information.



Weather Cancellations

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**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.

FALL 2021 REGISTRATION

Registration will begin August 16th, 2021

To register, go to mankato.ce.eleyo.com, use the drop down box to find ECFE. If you are unable to register online, you may call our office at the Family Learning Center (507) 625-4620.

**Fall Semester:
Sept 13-Nov 19
(No Classes Oct 21-22)**

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.

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



FALL 2021 REGISTRATION FORM

Register online 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 (First, Middle and Last Name)

Date of Birth Male / Female

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
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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 ECFE ? Circle Yes Or No

How did you find out about ECFE ?

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

ISD77 Family Learning Center
820 Hubbell Ave
Mankato, MN 56001

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MAPS PRESCHOOL

MAPS Preschool is still accepting registrations for the 21-'22 school year.
We have openings in multiple locations.

What MAPS Preschool offers...

- Play based learning for children ages 3-5
- Curriculum and individualized instruction to support all areas of your child's development



TO REGISTER:
MANKATOECE.ORG OR
CALL THE FAMILY
LEARNING CENTER AT
507-625-4620

SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 13

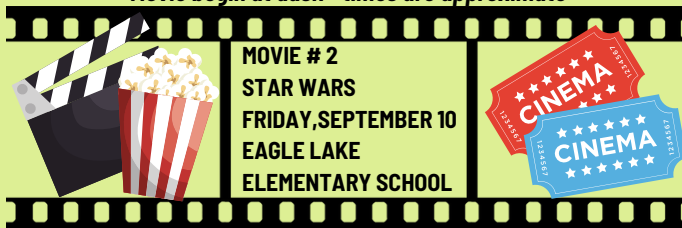


SAVE
THE
DATE

FREE Movie

UNDER THE STARS THIS SUMMER!

Movie begin at dusk - times are approximate



Come join us for a night of fun. Bring your family and friends. **FREE** family activities begin at 7 PM.

The movie will be shown on a large outdoor screen and are **FREE** to everyone. Bring chairs and blankets for seating. Free supper served at 7 PM (while supplies last). Families may bring their own snacks.



Wayne John Walgenbach
(507) 625-9400
waynewalgenbach.nm.com

For more information, call Mankato Community Education and Recreation at 507-387-5501.

For cancellation and makeup status, please call 507-387-5501 or visit our website at www.mankatocer.com