

# Early Childhood Family Education

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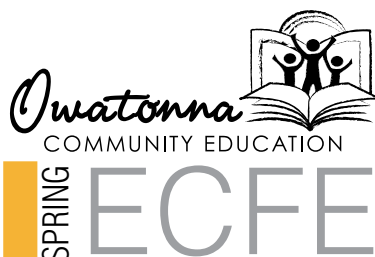


ECFE Spring 2022 Registration Brochure

March 7th, 2022 – May 20th, 2022

(No ECFE classes: March 28th - April 1st and April 15th)

**Registration: Friday, February 18th, 2022**



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**Online Registration**

Starting at 6:00 a.m.

**In Person Registration**

Starting at 8:00 a.m.

**[owatonnacommunityed.org](http://owatonnacommunityed.org)**

## Spring Trimester REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Families may register for one parent/child class per child. Register by phone, online or in person.
- Please have both a 1st and 2nd choice for classes.
- Call 507-444-7900, stop by 122 E McKinley St, or go online [Owatonnacommunityed.org](http://Owatonnacommunityed.org)
- If you need child care for siblings during your ECFE class, please request at the time of registration. Children not registered will be accepted on a space available basis.

Roosevelt Community School has been outfitted with an air purifying device called needle-point bi-polar ionization in our ductwork work. This device reduces pathogens, allergens, particles, smoke and odors in the air, creating a healthy environment without producing any harmful byproducts. Every 30-minutes, indoor pollutants such as flu virus (inclusive of COVID-19), allergens and mold are reduced by 99.4%. While there are no 100% guarantees in time of pandemic, this new technology has allowed us to add another layer of protection for your family's health with in-person programming. Masks are recommended.

## Infants & Toddlers

All Infant and Toddler classes are non-separating (the door between the children's room and the parent room is left open. With the exception of Terrific Two's **231** Wednesday.)

### Amazing Newborn Clinic 0 - 12 MONTHS

The Amazing Newborn Clinic is an opportunity for parents of infants 0-6 months of age to get their baby's weight checked, health questions answered and meet parents of newborns in our community. Receive up-to-date information from health and education professionals on your baby's growth and development. Clinic services made possible through a partnership of Steele County Public Health and Owatonna Community Education.

**Every Tuesday** — 12:30-2:00 pm, Room 118

\*No registration required. This is a walk-in clinic. Come and go to meet your schedule.

### Baby & Me 0 - 10 MONTHS

Whether you are just welcoming a baby into your home or are about to celebrate your baby's first birthday, the first year of life is exciting-and challenging! Come with your baby to meet other parents who are discovering the wonder of their child. Enjoy playing with your baby in activities that provide sensory and movement experiences. Learn about your baby's growth and development, share ideas about ways to care for yourself as a parent, and discuss some practical tips on how to cope with the challenges of parenting.

**011** Mondays — 12:45-2:00 pm, Room 118

**012** Mondays — 5:30-6:45 pm, Room 118

**031** Wednesdays — 12:45-2:00 pm, Room 118 \*Targeted to families of 0-3 month olds.

\*Infant parent/child classes are free to first time participants.

### Toddlers 11 - 22 MONTHS

Toddlers are curious, busy, and on the go! Every day brings new opportunities for these inquisitive one-year olds. Parents have many questions and concerns during this period of rapid growth.

**131** Wednesdays — 8:45-10:00 am, Room 123

**151** Fridays — 8:45-10:00 am, Room 123

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# Infants & Toddlers *continued*

## **Terrific Two's** 23 - 35 MONTHS

The two-year-old's world is full of wonder and discovery. They are fascinated as they explore their world. They are learning to talk, to think for themselves, and to act independently. These "terrific twos" also challenge every rule and say "NO" with new-found confidence. Come share with other parents ways to help your shaker and mover deal with frustration, learn to share, and build self-esteem. Participate with your child in a variety of fun, developmentally appropriate activities!

**231** Wednesdays — 10:30-11:45 am (separating), Room 123

**251** Fridays — 10:30-11:45 am, Room 123

## **Mixed Ones and Twos** 11-35 MONTHS

Join us for time with your one and two year-old to share with other parents ways to help your "shaker and mover" deal with frustration, sharing, and building self-esteem. Participate with your child in a variety of fun, developmentally appropriate activities!

**1211** Mondays — 10:30-11:45 am, Room 123

**1212** Mondays — 3:45-5:00 pm, Room 123

**1222** Tuesdays — 5:30-6:45 pm, Room 123

**1241** Thursdays — 8:45-10:00 am, Room 123

**1242** Thursdays — 10:30-11:45 am, Room 123

# 2 & 3 Year Olds

## **Spring Fun Shops for Toddlers** 2-3 Yr Olds **(Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45 PM)**

These special playtimes focus on a specific theme with fun family activities for parent and child. Family activities in art, music, motor skills and math/science exploration will be prepared each week. Parent/child will stay together for the full hour and explore the planned activities prepared by an Early Childhood teacher. Activities will be specifically designed for toddlers 2-3 year olds. This is a great activity for grandparents to enjoy as well. Workshops are \$2 per week, pre-registration is required for Fun Shops and Sib Care. See topics below for classes and dates.

### **Fun Shop Topics** FOR 2-3 YR OLDS *all in room #123*

**633** March 15 ..... **Nursery Rhymes**

**634** March 22 ..... **Community Helpers**

**635** April 5 ..... **Hop Into Spring**

**636** April 12 ..... **Going to the Beach**

**637** April 19 ..... **Under the Sea**

**638** April 26 ..... **Pajama Party**

**639** May 3 ..... **Gardening**

**640** May 10 ..... **Camping**

**641** May 17 ..... **Outside Fun**

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# 3-5 Year Olds

## Kindergarten Connections 48 MONTHS TO "NOT YET IN KINDERGARTEN"

The year before a child begins kindergarten is full of joys and challenges. Children will spend their class time participating in activities to help prepare them for kindergarten. Parents will spend their time sharing ideas and resources for supporting a four-five year old who is on the journey toward school entry. New child experiences and parent topics are taught each week. Families will find this class useful in preparing for the kindergarten experience. **The child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022.**

**34511** Mondays — 5:30-6:45 pm, Room 122

## Mixed Preschoolers 31+ MONTHS TO "NOT YET IN KINDERGARTEN"

Every member of a family brings unique strengths that help build and strengthen the family unit. Intentional parents notice and support each family member's efforts to grow and develop all aspects of the individual; cognitive, physical, emotional, social, moral, and spiritual. Parents will learn how to be intentional in their everyday interaction with their children. Content of the class will be parent driven to support the parenting journey. Come share your ideas and strategies to see each member of your family uniquely and help them develop into strong, healthy members of your family and your community. A child/parent experience with an early childhood educator begins the first 20 minutes of class before separating for parent discussion. This class is open to families with children ages 31 months to not yet in kindergarten.

**34521** Tuesdays — 5:30-6:45 pm, Room 122

## Playful Preschoolers 36 MONTHS TO "NOT YET IN KINDERGARTEN"

These combined-age preschooler classes provide families with current information about the important role of play for growing healthy preschoolers. Play teaches a child how the world works, and gives practice in independent thinking skills helpful in their school years. Children will experience the new "Read, Play, Learn" Curriculum, designed to provide rich literature and vocabulary that allows children to use their imagination and creativity to use play to fully "live the story" and practice new vocabulary. During parent time this class will focus on the social, emotional and language development necessary for strengthening relationships in families and for school readiness.

**34531** Wednesdays — 8:15-9:45 am, Room 122

**34541** Thursdays — 10:30-Noon, Room 122

## Spring Fun Shops for 4 and 5 Year Olds (Mondays, 3:45-4:45 PM)

These special playtimes focus on a specific theme with fun family activities for parent and child. Family activities in art, music, motor skills and math/science exploration will be prepared each week. Parent/child will stay together for the full hour and explore the planned activities prepared by an Early Childhood teacher. Activities will be specifically designed for 4-5 year olds. This is a great activity for grandparents to enjoy as well. Workshops are \$2 per week, pre-registration is required. See topics below for classes and dates.

### Fun Shop Topics FOR 4-5 YR OLDS *all in room #122*

**733** March 14 ..... **Things That Go**

**734** March 21 ..... **Community Helpers**

**735** April 4 ..... **ABC Fun**

**736** April 11 ..... **Under the Sea**

**737** April 18 ..... **Going to the Beach**

**738** April 25 ..... **Jungle**

**739** May 2 ..... **Camping**

**740** May 9 ..... **Space**

**741** May 16 ..... **Outside Fun**

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# 3-5 Year Olds *continued*

## Preschool Experience (Ages 3-5) CHILD-ONLY CLASSES

Families who enroll in identified parent/child classes, have the opportunity to provide their child with an additional early learning experience designed for the child-only.

Ages 3-5: **34551** Fridays - 8:30-10:00 am, Room 122

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To be eligible for enrollment in **Friday Child Only Classes**, families must be enrolled in any of the following parent/child classes: **34511 - 34521 - 34531 - 34541**

Children may only attend this class if they have attended their parent/child class each week. If a family misses their parent/child class during the week, the child will not be expected for the Friday, child-only class. Families may have one exception per trimester to this practice if they have called in for the Parent/Child class with an illness or medical appointment. Tuition will be \$35 for the Trimester. This is in addition to the tuition paid for the parent/child class. There is no sliding fee. **Child must be 3 years old by March 7th.**

*Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Families will need to re-enroll for the child-only class each trimester when they enroll for their parent/child class. Class size will be limited in each section.*

## Early Childhood Screening FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR-OLDS

Early childhood screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is learning and growing. It identifies possible health or learning concerns so children can get help before starting school.

**Is there a charge?** IT'S FREE — all children must participate in order to start Kindergarten in a Minnesota Public School.

**When should I schedule an appointment for Early Childhood Screening?** Earlier is better! Waiting until your child is about to start kindergarten is too late! The purpose of Early Childhood Screening is to identify children who may need additional time and experiences to be ready for school. The sooner we get started, the more likely your child will begin school with the necessary skills to succeed. Call us when your child turns 3.

TO SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD'S APPOINTMENT **CALL 507-444-7900 TODAY**  
OR **VISIT OWATONNACOMMUNITYED.ORG**

## Preschool Opportunities

Owatonna Community Education offers play based preschool programming for three and four year olds. 'Lil Learners and Bright Beginnings exist to provide all age eligible children adequate opportunities to participate in child development programs that enable the children to enter school with the necessary skills and behavior and family stability and support to progress and flourish. Our programs are staffed with licensed early childhood educators and focus on the whole child. Lessons are designed to promote growth in all areas of development. *(Applications for both programs are available by calling or stopping at Roosevelt Community School, or going online.)*

**'Lil Learners Preschool** is for children 3 years of age by September 1, 2022. Two and Three days per week with morning and afternoon options are available. 'Lil Learners is run through our ECFE program and offers a sliding fee schedule to families.

**Bright Beginnings Preschool** is for children 4 years of age by September 1, 2022. Four and five days per week with morning and afternoon options are available. There is no charge for our four year old classes.

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# Sib Care

**How Does Sib Care Work?** Sib Care is quality, on-site childcare for siblings' age birth to 9-years-old. **Sibcare costs \$5 per family, per trimester.** Service must be pre-registered and paid before the trimester start. Service is limited due to size of classroom and available staffing. To make this service cost effective, we ask families to enroll for Sib Care only if they actually need the service. Families not attending Sib Care the first week of class and not calling in their absence will be dropped from the service. **The \$5 fee is non-refundable. Absences from Sib Care can be called into the ECCE Attendance Line: 444-7937** The ECCE Attendance Line is a 24-hour voice messaging system. Sib Care is available for all classes unless noted.

## Advisory Council

As a council we advise early childhood by providing advice and counsel to our ECCE and SR programs. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12:15-1:15 pm.  
*\*Child care IS provided.*

*We'd love for you to join us!*

### Our council members include

Amber Friesen	Stacy Defant
Alysha Frie	Cindy Hernandez
Lindsey Mongeau	Krystle Johnson
Jes Hedberg	

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Change your mind?** Please let us know as soon as possible if you decide not to take a class so that we can accommodate other families.

**Immunizations** A current immunization record is required for each child. Bring current immunization information with you at the time of registration or to your first class.

**Payment** Full payment for all classes is required at registration. Checks are payable to: Owatonna Community Education (Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover are also taken)

*\*See Fee Structure on Page 7.*

## Connect with us on



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# Community Information



## SPRING Library Events

Every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am join “Storytime Online With Darla” on the library’s Facebook page.

*Go on line or call the library for more information.  
507-444-2460*



## ECFE Parent/Child Class Fee Structure

The class fee is based on your household’s total yearly income, before taxes. The class fee selected by your family is confidential. Class fees are necessary to supplement state and local tax dollars dedicated to supporting early childhood programming.

### Your household’s total yearly income, before taxes:

Less than \$19,999 per yr. . . . .	\$10.00 per class
\$20,000 to \$29,999 per yr . . . . .	\$15.00 per class
\$30,000 to \$39,999 per yr . . . . .	\$20.00 per class
\$40,000 to \$49,999 per yr . . . . .	\$25.00 per class
\$50,000 and greater . . . . .	\$30.00 per class

**Sibcare** — \$5.00/trimester/family (*non-refundable*)

**Non-School District Resident Fee** — \$10.00 additional per class

*\*Families with SCHA Health policies may qualify for class reimbursement.*

## Immunization Law

Minnesota law (statue 121A.15) requires children enrolling in early education programs to show they have received immunizations or that they are a conscientious objector. The Owatonna ECFE program will require an immunization on file for every child that is enrolled. Please drop off or send a current immunization to Roosevelt Community School before classes begin or bring immunization records with you to the first day of class. Thank you.

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## COVID RESPONSE INFORMATION

Our ECFE team joins ISD 761 colleagues in our commitment to keep families safe. More information about COVID-19 mitigation strategies will be shared in our first class of the trimester, here are key elements that will go into effect immediately:

### Health and Safety Protocols

The Safe Learning Plan that was in place last school year has expired. COVID-19 cleaning protocols will remain in place across Owatonna Public Schools, but several of the requirements that were in place due to COVID-19 are no longer in effect. For example:

- Face coverings for all students and staff will be recommended (not required).
- Isolation time for students or staff who contract COVID-19 is 10 days with no testing requirement to return to school.

Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, and a full list of health and safety guidance will be shared with students and families as the school year gets closer or as conditions change.

### DATES TO REMEMBER!

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