

Early Childhood Family Education

Fall 2022

September 12 - December 9

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Roosevelt Community School
Celebrating Life & Learning



Friday, August 26th, 2022

Online Registration

Starting at 6:00 a.m.

In Person Registration

Starting at 8:00 a.m.

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Fall Trimester REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Call 507-444-7900, stop by 122 E McKinley St, or go online 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.
- ECFE offers a variety of classes for parents and children to come together to connect as a family, to discuss topics related to your child's stage of development, and to meet other families. Classes are available for infant, toddler, and preschool age children.
- Classes usually meet once a week (1- 1.5 hours) for eight to twelve weeks each trimester (Fall trimester is 10 weeks). Each session brings new opportunities to reflect on your child's stage of development, meet new families, and engage in discussions related to new parenting topics.
- A typical ECFE class begins with "parent-child time" where parents and children participate in fun learning activities together. While parents later join a parenting discussion facilitated by a parent educator, children continue their play with their early childhood teacher in the children's classroom. Families join together for songs and finger-plays during the closing circle time led by staff.
- Quality educational childcare is available for siblings not enrolled in classes. Owatonna ECFE operates based on a sliding fee scale; no one is turned away for inability to pay.

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(No ECFE classes: October 20th - 21st & November 21st - 25th)

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Monday

Mixed Ones & Twos
Fun Shop 3-5 Year Olds
Mixed Ones & Twos
Baby & Me

Tuesday

Amazing Newborn Clinic
Fun Shop 2-3 Year Olds
Mixed Preschoolers
Baby & Me

Wednesday

Playful Preschoolers
Terrific Two's

Thursday

Mixed Ones & Twos
Playful Preschoolers

Early Childhood Screening
(Some Saturdays)

Friday

Preschooler Experience
Terrific Two's
Toddler

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 Twos 231 Wednesday.*

Amazing Newborn Clinic 0 - 12 MONTHS

The Amazing Newborn Clinic is an opportunity for parents of infants 0-12 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 — 11:30-1:00 pm *No registration required. This is a walk-in clinic. Come and go to meet your schedule.

- Free walk-in clinic, no registration necessary.
- A Steele County Public Health nurse and a licensed parent educator are available for questions.
- Check your baby's weight.
- Up-to-date information on your child's growth and development.
- Meet parents of newborns in our community.

Every Tuesday 11:30- 1:00 pm



Baby & Me 0 - 11 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 for parenting.

011 Mondays — 1:00-2:00 pm, Room 123

012 Tuesdays — 10:00-11:00 am, Room 123

013 Tuesdays — 5:30-6:30 pm, Room 123

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

Toddlers 12 - 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. Children must be 12 months for the first day of class.

131 Fridays — 8:30-9:45 am, Room 123

Mixed Ones and Twos 12-35 MONTHS

- Join us for time with your one and two year-old to share with other parents ways to help your "shaker and mover"
- Talk with other parents about 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!

1211 Mondays — 10:15-11:30 am, Room 123

1222 Mondays — 5:30-6:45 pm, Room 123

1241 Thursdays — 8:30-9:45 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.

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231 Wednesdays — 10:15-11:30 am, (Separating), Room 123

251 Fridays — 10:15-11:30 am, Room 123



2 & 3 Year Olds

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

Tuesdays — 3:45-4:45 pm



Fall Fun Shop Topics FOR 2-3 YR OLDS

633 September 13..... **Apples**

634 September 20..... **Farm**

635 September 27..... **Colors**

636 October 4..... **Five Senses**

637 October 11..... **Music**

638 October 18..... **Fall Fun!**

639 October 25..... **Happy Halloween**

640 November 1..... **Forest Animals**

641 November 8..... **Favorite Foods**

642 November 15..... **Turkey Time**

643 November 29..... **Favorite Books**

644 December 6..... **Happy Holidays**

3 - 5 Year Olds

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.

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 — 10:15-11:45, Room 122

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. Children will learn through play and an introduction to preschool routines and structure.

- To be eligible for enrollment in Friday Child Only Classes, families must be enrolled in an additional parent/child class.
- 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.
- Children need to be toilet trained, or a teacher may call to have you come assist your child.
- Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

34551 Fridays - 8:15-9:45 am, Room 122

Applies to all Classes: No ECFE Classes October 20th - 21st & November 21st - 25th

3 - 5 Year Olds continued

Fall Fun Shops for 3 and 5 Year Olds 36 Months to Not Yet In Kindergarten

- 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 3-5 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.

Mondays, 3:45-4:45 PM

Fall Fun Shop Topics FOR 3-5 YR OLDS

733 September 12.. Welcome to School	739 October 24 Pumpkins
734 September 19..... Music	740 October 31 Halloween
735 September 26..... Pets	741 November 7 Farm
736 October 3 Zoo	742 November 14 Turkey Time
737 October 10 Apples	743 November 28 Happy Holidays
738 October 17 Leaves	

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

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Preschool Opportunities

- Applications for both programs are available by stopping at Roosevelt Community School, or through Owatonna Schools online enrollment.

communityed.isd761.org/early-childhood-ed/preschool



Bright Beginnings:

- For children who are 4 years old by September 1, 2022.
- A Free Preschool experience, made possible through State funding.
- 4 Days a week, morning class.
 - Roosevelt Community School 8:30-11:30 am
- 5 days a week, morning or afternoon classes.
 - Owatonna Education Center 8:15-10:45 am or 12:15-2:45 pm
 - Roosevelt Community School 12:30-3:00 pm

'Lil Learners:

- For children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2022.
- Two and Three days per week options.
 - Monday & Wednesday 10:15-12:00
 - Tuesday & Thursday 8:15-10:00
 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 1:00-3:00
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 - 10:00
- 'Lil Learners' is run through our ECFE program and offers a sliding fee schedule to families.

Family size	What was your total income for 2021?			
	Less than	Less than	Less than	More than
2	18,310	23,803	33,873	33,873
3	23,030	29,939	42,605	42,605
4	27,750	36,075	51,337	51,337
5	32,470	42,211	60,069	60,069
6	37,190	48,347	68,801	68,801
7	41,910	54,483	77,533	77,533
8	46,630	60,619	86,265	86,265
+1	4,720	6,136	8,732	8,732
2-Day	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$55.00
3-Day	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00



Why Preschool?

- All classes are taught by licensed early childhood educators.
- Bright Beginnings: Fountas & Pinnell curriculum builds literacy skills that align with Kindergarten.
- 'Lil Learners: Read, Play, learn curriculum builds children's literacy, language and social skills.
- Social & Emotional skill building.
- Exploration & discovery.
- Building independence & self help skills.
- Opportunities to engage in parent-child activities.

Transportation

- Bright Beginnings: Free transportation to and from preschool is available if your house is more than one mile from the school site.
- Less than a mile or 'Lil Learners: If you live within one mile of the school your child will attend, you can apply for the SMART transit bus. This option will transport them one-way, either to school or home from school. Rides will cost \$1.00 per ride. Scholarships are available.

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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.
- 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.
- **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 below.*

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. A trimester runs 8-12 weeks long depending on the ECFE calendar.

Your household's total yearly income, before taxes:

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

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. Please notify the front office with your SCHA number once you register!*

Immunization Law Minnesota law (statute 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.

Sib Care

- Sib Care is quality, on-site childcare for siblings' age birth to 9-years-old.
- Sib Care costs \$5 per family, per trimester.
- Service must be pre-registered and paid before the trimester starts.
- Service is limited due to size of classroom and available staffing.
- Absences from Sib Care can be called into the ECFE Attendance Line: 444-7937 The ECFE Attendance Line is a 24-hour voice messaging system.
- Sib Care is available for all classes unless noted.

Community Information

Fall BAZAAR

November 5th
9 am -2 pm
McKinley Elementary
1050 22nd St NE, Owatonna, MN 55060



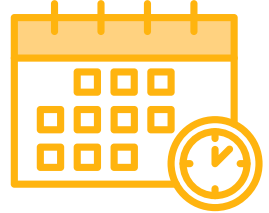
Library Information

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.

Dates to Remember!

- **22-23 Preschool:** Applications are available now
- **August 26th:** ECFE registration begins. 6 am online or 8pm in person.
- **September 12th:** Classes begin!
- **November 5th Fall Bazaar** from 9-2 at McKinley Elementary



Advisory Council

As a council we advise early childhood by providing advice and counsel to our early learning programs. We host community events such as the Bazaar, Holiday Open House, Blood Drives, and our annual Family Festival.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:15-12:15 pm. *Child care IS provided.

Please come join a meeting, and see if you’d like to join!

Council members include

Jes Hedberg
Stacy Defant

Cindy Hernandez
Amanda Remund

London Wever
Tiffany Hansen

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