

# Early Childhood Family Education



FALL 2023  
**September 18 - December 15**

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Roosevelt Community School  
**Celebrating Life & Learning**



Thursday, August 24th, 2023

**Online Registration**

Starting at 6:00 a.m.

**In Person Registration**

Starting at 8:00 a.m.

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# Spring Trimester REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Call 507-444-7900, stop by 122 E McKinley St, or go online [Owatonnacommunityed.org](http://Owatonnacommunityed.org)

Early Childhood Family Education classes offer opportunities for adults and children to participate in fun, developmentally-appropriate learning activities together. Parents then join a parenting discussion facilitated by a parent educator while 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.

**Fall Trimester: September 18th, 2023 - December 15th, 2023**  
**(No ECFE classes: October 19th - 20th & November 6th, 20th - 24th)**

## ECFE Parent/Child Class Fee Structure

Owatonna ECFE operates based on a sliding fee scale; no one is turned away for inability to pay. 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!*

*\*Sibcare is not covered by SCHA.*

*\*A family will not be turned away due to cost.*

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## Monday

Toddlers  
Baby & Me  
Fun Shop 3-5 Year Olds  
Sibling Care

## Tuesday

Early Explorers  
Amazing Newborn (Updated!)  
Baby & Me  
Fun Shops 2-3's  
STEAM Ahead Learning  
Sibling Care

## Wednesday

Playful Preschool  
Toddlers  
Sibling Care

## Thursday

Toddlers  
Playful Preschool  
Sibling Care

## Friday

Music class  
Child Only  
(no sibling care available)

## Sibling Care

- Sib Care is quality, on-site childcare for siblings age birth to 9-years-old. Cost is \$5 per family, per trimester.
- Families must pre-register and pay on-line or in person before the trimester starts.
- Sib Care is available Monday- Friday for all classes unless noted.



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# Infants

**These classes are for children who will not be one year old by September 18th**

## Amazing Newborn **\*UPDATED\***

Do you have a new baby? Congratulations! Owatonna ECFE and Steele County Public Health would like to invite you and your baby (0-12 weeks) to Amazing Newborn, a free weekly class and drop in experience.

A Parent Educator will lead parents through group discussion and learning on a rotating schedule of topics that include: development, tummy time, mom's body care, soothing a crying baby, self-care, postpartum moods, car seats, first colds and fevers, language and literacy, relationships, feeding, and schedules. Drop in as little or as much as you would like to participate in discussion with other new parents.



Public Health Nurses will continue to be an active part of Amazing Newborn. Parents are welcome to drop in to have your baby weighed, discuss feeding or health concerns, etc. No need to stay for the entirety of the weekly class. No pre-registration is required. Come when it fits your schedule in the 0-12 week window. Sibling care is available.

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

**Every Tuesday, Year Round** 10:30- 12:00 pm, Room 123

*Group Discussion Sessions begin 09/19/2023*

## Baby & Me

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. This class is led by a Parent Educator. Babies and parents stay together throughout the class.

- 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** 0-11 Months, Mondays — 1:00-2:00 pm, Room 123

**012** 0-11 Months, Tuesdays — 4:00-5:00 pm, Room 123

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

# Toddlers

**These classes are for children who are at least one year old by September 18th**



## Toddlers

Join us for time with your one and two year-old to share with other parents ways to help your “shaker and mover”. A toddler’s world is full of wonder and discovery. Participate with your child in a variety of fun, developmentally appropriate activities! Discuss parenting topics such as dealing with frustration, learning to share, and learning new words.

<b>131</b>	12-23 MONTHS, Mondays	8:30-9:45 am	Room 123
<b>1211</b>	12-35 MONTHS, Mondays	10:30-11:45 am	Room 123
<b>1222</b>	12-35 MONTHS, Mondays	5:30-6:45 pm	Room 123
<b>1241</b>	12-35 MONTHS, Thursdays	8:30-9:45 am	Room 123
<b>231</b>	23-35 MONTHS, Wednesdays	10:30-11:45 am	(separating) Room 123

*\*Separating class includes a parent/child play time, followed by an adult discussion in a separate classroom.*

## Music Makers, Movers, and Shakers - NEW

The magic of music and movement has brought people of all ages together for thousands of years; come join this mixed-age class to embark on a delightful musical journey where we will engage in melodic, rhythmic, and movement exploration. This class will promote discovery and learning through dancing, singing, and storytelling.

*\*No sibling care is available for this class due to the mixed age nature of the class.*



<b>23451</b>	Birth - Not yet in Kindergarten, Fridays	8:30-9:30 am	Room 122
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# 3 - 5 Year Olds

## Playful Preschoolers

Every member of a family brings unique strengths that help build and strengthen the family unit. 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.

<b>34531</b>	36 MONTHS not yet in Kindergarten, Wednesday	8:30-10:00 am	Room 122
<b>34541</b>	36 MONTHS not yet in Kindergarten, Thursdays	10:30-12:00	Room 122

**STEAM Ahead Learning \*NEW\*** is an engaging and interactive class integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) concepts into a play-based learning environment. The class is designed to foster curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning through age-appropriate activities, experiments, and other opportunities to challenge young children in sparking imagination and promoting intellectual, social, and emotional growth. Parents will participate in activities with their child(ren) and then separate for parent discussion time regarding creative learning experiences for their children as well as other age appropriate topics led by a parent educator.

<b>34521</b>	31 MONTHS not yet in Kindergarten, Tuesdays	5:30 - 6:45 pm	Room 122
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## Preschool Experience

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.

**34551** 36 MONTHS not yet in Kindergarten, Fridays 10:00-12:00 am Room 122



## Early Explorers

Early Explorers is specific for 3 year olds who are ready to gain more independence, practice social skills, and get a taste of preschool through play and exploration. Parents required to participate in weekly parent-child activities posted in ClassDojo or enroll in an additional parent/child class. ClassDojo is an online site or app that is used for parent-teacher communication and activities.

- Tuition will be \$35 for the trimester, there is no sliding fee.

**3241** 3 YEARS BY SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, Tuesdays 8:30-10:00 am Room 122

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# Fun Shops

## Fun Shops

- 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.  
(This is a great activity for grandparents to enjoy as well).
- Activities will be specifically designed for each age group.
- Workshops are \$2 per week, pre-registration is required for Fun Shops and Sib Care.
- See topics below for classes and dates.

### 2 & 3 Year Olds

TUESDAYS, 3:45 - 4:45 PM

*ALL IN ROOM #126*

633	Sept 19.....	Welcome to School	639	October 31 .....	Halloween
634	Sept 26.....	Colors	640	November 7.....	Harvest Feast
635	October 3 .....	Five Senses	641	November 14.....	Turkey Time
636	October 10 .....	Fire Safety	642	November 28.....	On the Farm
637	October 17 .....	Leaves	643	December 5.....	Seasons
638	October 24 .....	Pumpkins	644	December 12...	Holiday Happenings

### 3 - 5 Year Olds

MONDAYS, 3:45 - 4:45 PM

*ALL IN ROOM #122*

733	Sept 18.....	Welcome to School	739	October 30 .....	Halloween
734	Sept 25.....	All About Me	740	November 13.....	Turkey Time
735	October 2 .....	Book Month	741	November 27.....	On the Farm
736	October 9 .....	Fire Safety	742	December 4.....	Seasons
737	October 16 .....	Leaves	743	December 11...	Holiday Happenings
738	October 23 .....	Pumpkins			





# Preschool Opportunities

**\*\*Our preschool sections are currently full but you will be added to a waitlist if you choose to apply.\*\***

Find more information and enroll online:

If you would prefer a paper application for preschool, you can stop in at Roosevelt Community Education (122 East McKinley Street) or Owatonna Education Center Door #2 (338 East Main Street) to fill one out!

Families who are currently enrolled will receive a letter with more information and an invitation to see their classroom and meet the teacher(s) on 8/31, 9/5, or 9/6. Classes begin 9/7, 9/8, and 9/11!



## **Bright Beginnings:** Age 4 by Sept. 1, 2023

Free programming is currently made possible through Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten funds. Transportation Available.

### **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

## **Little Learners:** Age 3 by Sept. 1, 2023

Tuition: 2 day classes are \$80 a month, 3 day classes are \$100 a month. Sliding fee scale and scholarships available within the registration process.

### **Two and Three days per week options.**

- Owatonna Education Center, Tuesday & Thursday 8:15-10:45
- Owatonna Education Center, Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:15-10:45
- Roosevelt Community School, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 - 10:30
- Roosevelt Community School, Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:30 - 10:30
- Roosevelt Community School, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday 1:00-3:00



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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)



**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.

## **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.

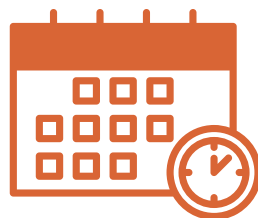
**When should I schedule an appointment for Early Childhood Screening?** Earlier is better! Waiting until your child is about to start kindergarten is too late! The purpose of Early Childhood Screening is to identify children who may need additional time and experiences to be ready for school. The sooner 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](http://OWATONNACOMMUNITYED.ORG)**

# Community Information

## Dates to Remember!

- **August 24th:** ECFE registration begins. 6 am online or 8pm in person..
- **September 18th:** Classes begin!
- **No Classes October 19th - 20th & November 6th, 20th - 24th**
- **November 4th:** Bazaar at Owatonna Middle School
- **December 15th:** Last day of classes.



## 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

Alyssa Huisenga

Jes Hedberg

Kayce Bock

London Weaver

Stacey Peralta-DeFant

Alysha Frie

Jessica Anderson

AJ Franko

Maggie Goldade

Kelsey Winkels

Melissa Getzke

Tiffany Hansen

# Is your child on track?

Learn more and make sure.

**HelpMeGrowMN.org**

or 1-866-693-GROW (4769)



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