

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Play. Learn. Grow.

BIRTH TO AGE 5

SPRING 2024 CLASSES



ALBERT LEA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 241



EARLY CHILDHOOD
FAMILY EDUCATION

Brookside Education Center
211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea, MN
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AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



Hello! Spring is right around the corner, and I can't wait for you to come join us for the fun upcoming classes we have planned! My name is Katrina Pedersen and am the Lead ECFE Teacher in the Early Childhood Family Education program at Brookside. It has been such a joy getting to know all the families who attend a variety of classes we offer throughout the week and celebrate the milestones their children have made throughout our time together. I can't wait to be creative, sing songs, dance, read stories, and play with you all in our spring classes!

Don't forget to come celebrate ECFE's 50th anniversary on April 11th from 5:00-6:00pm which will be held in Gym A and Room 109 at Brookside Education Center! We look forward to celebrating with you!

KATRINA PEDERSEN

Lead ECFE and Preschool Teacher
District 241- Albert Lea Area Schools



WHAT IS ECFE?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is an Albert Lea Area Schools program that provides parenting information and support for parents with children ages birth to 5 year olds.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL ECFE CLASS INCLUDE?

PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY TIME

Families explore a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play materials and learning activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher.

PARENT EDUCATION TIME

Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences, and information about child development and parenting techniques.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TIME

Children learn with the early childhood teacher and practice social skills as they interact with one another.



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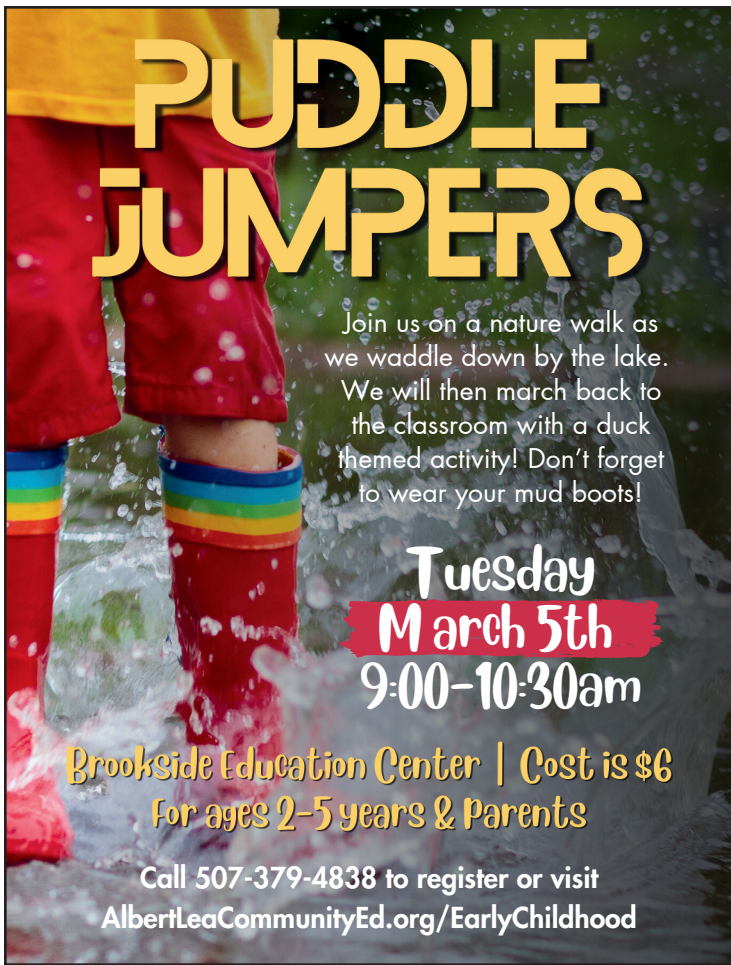
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POPULAR CLASS SIBLING CARE OFFERED NEW CLASS OFFERING



PUDDLE JUMPERS

Join us on a nature walk as we waddle down by the lake. We will then march back to the classroom with a duck themed activity! Don't forget to wear your mud boots!

**Tuesday
March 5th
9:00-10:30am**

**Brookside Education Center | Cost is \$6
For ages 2-5 years & Parents**

Call 507-379-4838 to register or visit
AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org/EarlyChildhood

Insects



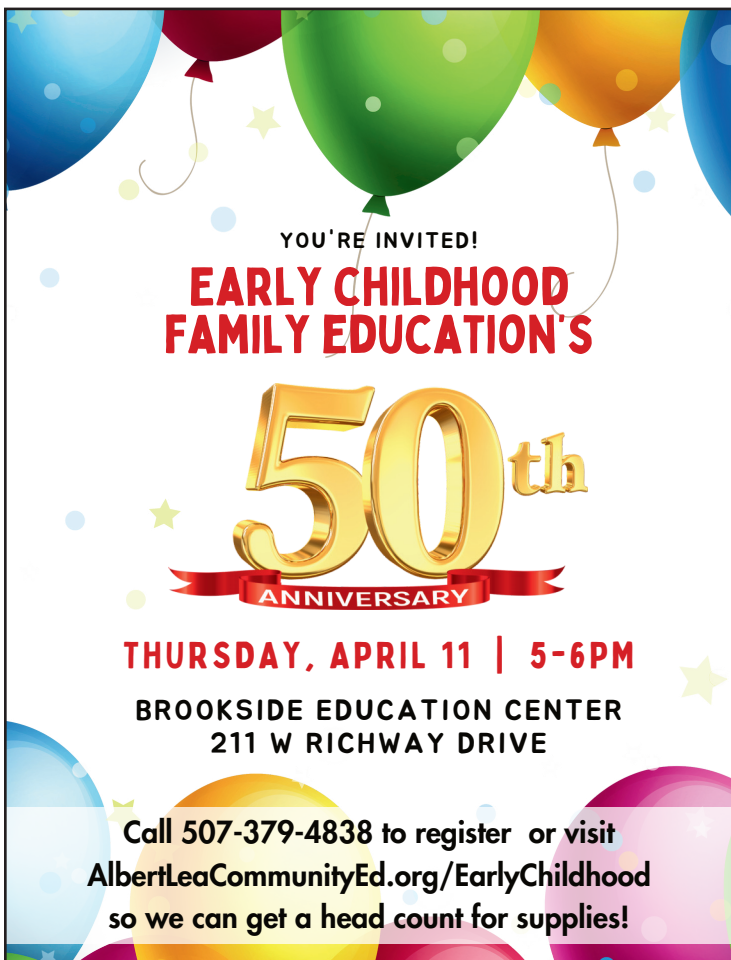
For ages 1-3 years & parents

Squiggly and wiggly, let's have some fun with insects! Come learn and play with insect themed activities and story time.

**Thursday, March 21st from 5:00-6:00pm
Brookside Education Center, Room 200**

Register now for \$6!

Call 507-379-4838 to register or visit
AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org/EarlyChildhood

YOU'RE INVITED!

**EARLY CHILDHOOD
FAMILY EDUCATION'S**

**50th
ANNIVERSARY**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 | 5-6PM

**BROOKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER
211 W RICHWAY DRIVE**

Call 507-379-4838 to register or visit
AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org/EarlyChildhood
so we can get a head count for supplies!

For ages 0 months to 7 years old & their parents

Spring Safety Series

**\$6
per event**

With summer approaching it's always a good idea to discuss outdoor safety with your family. In these classes we will have members of our community come and discuss different ways we can be safe outdoors and still have fun! Community members will include; firefighters, police officers and a Health Care provider from Mayo Clinic.

When?

- Code EC02 | Tuesday, May 21
- Code EC03 | Tuesday, May 28
- Code EC04 | Tuesday, June 4

**from 5:00-6:00pm
Brookside Education Center
Outdoor Adventures Classroom**

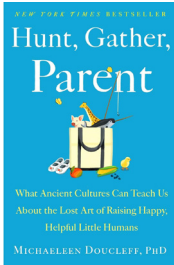


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Parent Classes

Parenting classes are for parents of newborns - 5 years unless otherwise indicated. Classes are instructed by Albert Lea Early Learning's Parent Educators, Krista Doyle & Mary Jo Volkman.

PARENTING BOOK CLUB



Are you a book lover? Do you enjoy engaging in literary conversations? If so, this class is tailored just for you! We will be reading the parenting book "Hunt, Gather, Parent" by Michaela Doucleff, PhD. We will meet every other week, allowing you ample time to read the assigned chapters. Don't worry if you fall behind; the book will be supplied during class and you can take it home with you afterward.

EC20  

5 sessions

Every other Thursday, March 21- May 16

5:30-6:30pm

CareAboutU Cafe Rm. 202

\$16

SIGNING FOR FAMILIES

Come learn basic signs as we explore sign language with you and your child. Sign language is great for communication with babies and is never too late to start! Each week we will focus on a different theme such as colors or animals.

EC20  

6 sessions

Mondays, March 25- April 29

1:00-2:00pm

CareAboutU Cafe Rm. 202

See Fee Chart



PARENT SPA NIGHT

When we become parents we often put our own self care on the back burner. Let's take some time to relax, rejuvenate, and have a parenting discussion. There will be spa themed make-and-takes as well as an certified esthetician.

EC20  

1 session

Tuesday, May 28

6:00-7:30pm

CareAboutU Cafe Rm. 202

\$10

Baby Series Classes

BABY BUDS

6-18 month olds & parents

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle & Mary Jo Volkman

The first year of your baby's life is very special. Enjoy quality time with him/her singing songs, doing baby art, and learning about all of their developmental milestones. Parenthood is ever-changing and sometimes scary, let us help you along the way, meet weekly with a parent educator to play and learn.

EC12

9 sessions

Tuesdays, March 19- May 14

4:30-5:30pm

ECFE Rm. 204

See Fee Chart

EC13

9 sessions

Thursdays, March 21- May 16

10:00-11:00am

ECFE Rm. 204

See Fee Chart

LITTLE EXPLORERS

6-18 month olds & parents

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle

Let's crawl and play as we sing songs and explore different sensory experiences with our little one. There will be an art project each week. We will have parenting discussions on topics on the stages that you are currently going through.

EC04 

8 sessions

Thursdays, March 21- May 16

9:00-10:00am

ECFE Rm. 204

See Fee Chart

BABY SHOWER

Expecting parents & 0-6 months babies

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle

Congratulations, you're expecting or have recently given birth! We would love to welcome you into our Early Childhood Family Education family! You will meet other expecting families in the community and take home a goodie bag! We will tour the facility and learn about what programs we have to offer! Join us in this night of celebration.

EC10

1 session

Friday, March 22

10:00-11:00am

ECFE Rm. 204

FREE

EC11

1 session

Friday, April 26

10:00-11:00am

ECFE Rm. 204

FREE

Series Classes

PEA PODS

1-2 year olds & parents

Parent Educators: Krista Doyle & Mary Jo Volkman
ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

Bring your little busy body to a weekly themed class full of crafts, stories, and of course PLAY. They will engage with other children their age while parents meet in an adjoining room for a short discussion. Your Pea Pods will love this new experience!

EC26 

Tuesdays, March 19- May 14

ECFE Rm. 204

9 sessions

8:30-9:30am

See Fee Chart

GRAND CONNECTIONS

1-5 year olds & grandparents

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle
ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

What kid doesn't love an afternoon with Grandma, Grandpa or a caregiver? Get in on the fun and bring your little to this hands on class! Together you will sing songs, read stories, and create lifelong memories! Adults will meet with a parent educator in an adjoining room for a brief discussion.

EC18

Thursdays, March 21- May 9

ECFE Rm. 204

8 sessions

1:30-2:30pm

See Fee Chart

BUZZY BEES

2-3 year olds & parents

Parent Educators: Krista Doyle & Mary Jo Volkman
ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

Get ready for some fun! You and your toddler will get to meet new friends, move and groove at circle time, and bring home an art project to display on your fridge! Adults will enjoy some social interaction with a brief parenting discussion in an adjoining room.

EC16  

Tuesdays, March 19- May 14

ECFE Rm. 204

9 sessions

9:45-11:00am

See Fee Chart

SUPER SCIENTISTS

3-5 year olds & parents

Parent Educators: Mary Jo Volkman
ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

Children are natural scientists. They analyze the findings, learn from exploration, and apply knowledge to new situations. Join us for this scientific inquiry where we learn and play together. Each week you will receive a new book to add to your home library!

EC06  

Thursdays, March 21- April 11

ECFE Rm. 204

4 sessions

9:30-10:45am

See Fee Chart

GROWING TOGETHER

1-3 year olds & parents

Parent Educator: Mary Jo Volkman
ECFE Teacher: Hannah Williston

This class will have your kiddo wanting to come back for more! Class will begin with an art project and lead into circle time with our new friends! Your child will have play time while you engage in a short discussion with a parent educator. You will learn new tips and tricks to try with your family!

EC17  

Tuesdays, March 19- May 14

ECFE Rm. 204

9 sessions

5:45-6:45pm

See Fee Chart

MIXED MEDIA MAGIC

3-5 year olds & parents

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle
ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

This class is all about self expression and exploring art! Every week you and your preschooler will try new art mediums and get messy. Watch them blossom into emerging artists and take home their masterpieces! Be sure to wear clothes that you can get messy in.

EC19 

Thursdays, March 21- May 16

ECFE Rm. 203, No class April 11

8 sessions

4:00-5:00pm

See Fee Chart

FUN ACTIVITY SERIES

3-5 year olds & parents

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle
ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

Weekly themed fun for you and your preschooler to enjoy together! There will be stations set up with learning activities that you will rotate through. This class mixes learning, problem solving, and art!

EC15 

Wednesdays, March 20- May 15

ECFE Rm. 203

9 sessions

1:30-2:30pm

See Fee Chart

EC07  

Thursdays, April 18- May 9

ECFE Rm. 204

4 sessions

9:30-10:45am

See Fee Chart

SUMMER PRESCHOOL AVAILABLE

*Must be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023
Potential scholarships available for qualifying families.

Monday - Friday

June 3rd - 28th

8:30am-1:30pm

Cost: \$150/week

Includes breakfast and lunch.

Field trips included.

WrapAround Care Available

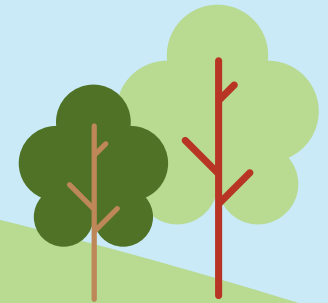
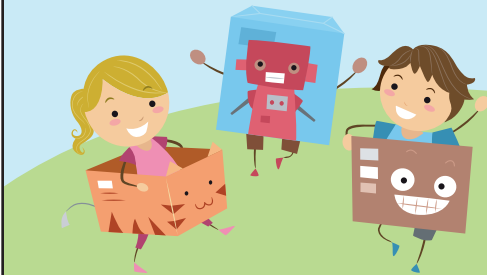
7:30-8:30am (\$31.25)


& 1:30-4:30pm (\$93.75)

No Class June 19th

**REGISTER NOW -
PAPER APPLICATIONS ONLY!**


For more information call Amber at 507-379-4838
or stop in our office for an application
at 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea, MN



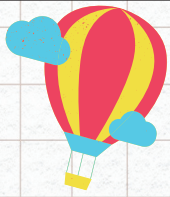


ECFE CLASSES AT-A-GLANCE

Register for classes by scanning the QR code on your mobile device
or visit AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org/EarlyChildhood



AGE GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BIRTH-1 YEAR		BABY BUDS 4:30-5:30 P.M. 3/19-5/14 PEA PODS 8:30-9:30 A.M. 3/19-5/14		LITTLE EXPLORERS 9:00-10:00 A.M. 3/21-5/16 BABY BUDS 10:00-11:00 A.M. 3/21-5/16	BABY SHOWER 10:00-11:00 A.M. 3/22, 4/26
1-3 YEARS		BUZZY BEES 9:45-11:00 A.M. 3/19-5/14 GROWING TOGETHER 5:45-6:45 P.M. 3/19-5/14		GRAND CONNECTIONS (1-5 YEARS) 1:30-2:30 P.M. 3/21-5/9 INSECTS 5:00-6:00 P.M. 3/21	
3-5 YEARS		PUDDLE JUMPERS 9:00-10:30 A.M. 3/5	FUN ACTIVITY SERIES 1:30-2:30 P.M. 3/20-5/15	SUPER SCIENTISTS 9:30-10:45 A.M. 3/21-4/11 NATURE IS NEAT 9:30-10:45 A.M. 4/18-5/9 MIXED MEDIA MAGIC 4:00-5:00 P.M. 3/21-5/16	
BIRTH-5 YEARS	SIGNING FOR FAMILIES 1:00-2:00 P.M. 3/25-4/26			ECFE 50TH YEAR CELEBRATION 5:00-6:00 P.M. SPRING SAFETY SERIES 5:00-6:00 P.M. 5/21, 5/28, 6/5	
PARENTING & VIRTUAL SESSIONS		PARENT SPA NIGHT 6:00-7:30 P.M. 5/28		PARENTING BOOK CLUB 5:30-6:30 P.M. 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16	



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING



Early Childhood Screening is a quick, free 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.

PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN
3-5
YEARS OLD

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A SCREENING APPOINTMENT



Vision & Hearing Test - Height & Weight Check - Immunization Review
Motor, Social & Emotional Development - Thinking, Language & Communication Skills

UPCOMING DATES

MONDAY, JUNE 3
8:00-2:00PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 4
3:00-6:00PM

THURSDAY, JULY 25
8:00-2:00PM

FRIDAY, JULY 26
3:00-6:00PM



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To schedule your child's appointment, register online at AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org, call 507-379-4838 or email amber.mattson@alschools.org



Class Registration Form

3 WAYS TO REGISTER - CHECK OR CARD ACCEPTED



ONLINE

AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org/EarlyChildhood



CALL

Amber Mattson (507) 379-4838
Kim Ehrich (507) 379-5318



IN PERSON

211 W Richway Drive
with Amber Mattson

Parent's First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

First Child's First & Last Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Class Code # _____ Course Name _____ Fee \$ _____ Do you need sibling care? Yes No

Class Code # _____ Course Name _____ Fee \$ _____ Do you need sibling care? Yes No

SIBLING CARE INFORMATION

If you checked that you will need Sibling Care for any of the above classes please fill out this information below.

Child #1 First & Last Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Payment Information (Checks payable to District 241) Check # _____ Charge _____

Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____ Card Code _____

Total amount \$ _____

Signature (for credit card only) _____



SPRING CLASS FEE CHART

The class fee is based on your household's total yearly income, before taxes and your family size. This information is confidential. class fees are necessary to supplement state and local tax dollars dedicated to supporting Early Childhood programs for School District 241.

1. *Locate your family size*
2. *Locate your family income*
3. *Move down column to class fee*

Family Size	Annual Income	Annual Income	Annual Income
2	Below \$32,227	\$32,228-49,999	\$50,000 and up
3	Below \$40,626	\$40,627-54,999	\$55,000 and up
4	Below \$49,025	\$49,026-59,999	\$60,000 and up
5	Below \$57,424	\$57,425-64,999	\$65,000 and up
6	Below \$65,823	\$65,824-69,999	\$70,000 and up
Class Pricing			
Pea Pods	\$10	\$17	\$28
Buzzy Bees	\$13	\$21	\$35
Baby Buds (AM & PM)	\$10	\$17	\$28
Growing Together	\$10	\$17	\$28
Fun Activity Series	\$10	\$17	\$28
Little Explorers	\$10	\$17	\$28
Mixed Media Magic	\$9	\$15	\$25
Grand Connections	\$8	\$14	\$22
Super Scientists	\$6	\$10	\$16
Nature is Neat!	\$6	\$10	\$16
Signing for Families	\$7	\$12	\$19
Behavior & Family Support Group	\$5	\$8	\$13

NOT SEEING A COURSE THAT MEETS YOUR NEEDS?

CALL OR EMAIL OUR STAFF TO DISCUSS MORE OPTIONS THAT WORK FOR YOU!

CALL 507-379-4838 OR EMAIL

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