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Welcome to Early Learning at Edgewood School

We're thrilled to extend a warm welcome to you and your little one to our Early Learning Catalog, where every page is filled with options to ignite the joy of learning in young minds. As your child takes their first steps into the world of education as a Laker, we are committed to providing a safe environment where young children of all abilities can grow and experience success, and their parents can be partners in learning.

At Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, we understand the importance of laying a solid foundation for lifelong learning, which is why we've carefully curated this catalog to offer a diverse selection of courses chosen to stimulate cognitive, social, emotional and physical development. From engaging music and movement classes to enriching toddler sessions tailored to their developmental needs, our catalog is brimming with options to captivate young learners and nurture their natural curiosity. As parents who actively participated in early learning for our children, I can speak first-hand to the amazing opportunities for our youngest learners, but as young parents, my wife and I also learned so much and made lifelong connections with other families!

We recognize that every child is wonderfully unique, with their own set of interests, abilities and learning styles. That's why our catalog offers a wide range of resources that cater to diverse needs and preferences. We're committed to providing you with high-quality resources that inspire learning and support families.

It's an honor for us to be a part of your child's educational journey, and we are dedicated to supporting you every step of the way. Thank you for entrusting Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools as your partner in early learning.

Happy exploring!

Yours in partnership,

Dr. Michael Thomas
Superintendent
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

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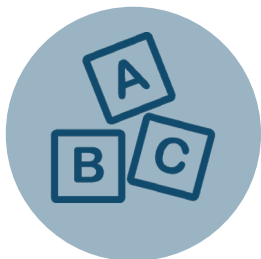
Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- Unique to Minnesota, ECFE is a program which strengthens families with young children through play, education and support.
- ECFE is based on the idea that parents provide their child's first and most significant learning environment and parents are children's first and most enduring teachers.
- Licensed parent educators and early childhood teachers team to make each class a welcoming, rich experience for both parents and children.
- ECFE classes are offered from birth to 5 years, with many options to fit your schedule, including evenings and Saturdays.
- All caregivers are welcome! Special grandparents, nannies, aunts, uncles and other special grown-ups can register and attend classes.



Parent Education

- Parent Education is embedded in all ECFE Classes to provide support and encouragement in your role as a parent or caregiver.
- Current research-based information on child development is standard.
- Peer connection: We are in this together!
- Community Connections: Awareness of community resources and support services.
- Classes denoted with this symbol have a separate parent discussion time or are a parent only class.



Preschool Classes

- Learning is a social process where children grow through play and exploration. Preschool programs focus on creating a strong foundation for learning.
- Curriculum that is intentionally aligned with Kindergarten standards to ensure concepts and skills lay the groundwork for those taught in Kindergarten.
- Core learning areas that are embedded in the curriculum and include language and literacy, mathematics, dramatic play, the arts and learning in nature.
- Highly qualified, licensed teachers who inspire kids and work passionately to help them be Kindergarten ready.



Support Services

- Early Childhood Screening
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Financial Assistance
- Parent Coaching
- Early Learning Advisory Council

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For more information call 952-226-0950.

Welcome! At Edgewood school, we are proud to be your family's first introduction to Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools. Our goal is to nurture the development of every child's unique strength and talent. Our Circle of Friends Preschool uses a whole child approach that is focused on the individual needs and interests of our students through play based learning. Our classes incorporate our district's E-STEM philosophy and our program has a 4-star Parent Aware rating. With our Kids' Company program, we offer onsite childcare starting at age 3. We also offer Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Screening for youth three through five-years old, access to Early Childhood Special Education supports and home visiting for those who may need it. We welcome all children ages birth through five years old and are excited to help them discover their possibilities and thrive. We invite and encourage you to attend our ECFE open house in September or request a personalized tour for Circle of Friends. We welcome your questions so connect with us anytime.

This year marks **Early Childhood Family Education's 50th Anniversary**. ECFE is unique to Minnesota and this program has touched many families over the years by supporting families through teaching child development, sharing parenting skills, and building relationships within the community. Join us on October 10th as we celebrate this milestone with the Teddy Bear Band and lots of fun activities for the whole family! See the back cover for more information.

Leadership Team



Erin Metoxen (Asst. Director of Early Learning), Vicki Spieler (Early Learning Asst. Coordinator),
Anna Effertz (Laker Preschool Child Care Site Lead)

Early Learning Staff





ECFE



SOME REMINDERS ▼

Location of Classes

Edgewood School
Lower Level Entrance, Door 6W
5304 Westwood Dr SE, Prior Lake
Big round blue tiled building on the NW
corner of the campus. *NOT* Westwood
Elementary.

How do I register?

Online: www.priorlakesavagece.com
By Phone: 952-226-0950
In-Person: Visit Edgewood School's main
office Mon-Fri between 8-4 pm

Does an adult need to attend?

Yes. ECFE classes require participation from
an adult caregiver.

What if my class is cancelled?

A class may need to be cancelled due to
low enrollment. Families will be notified
by email and receive a full refund. We are
happy to help you find another class that
works for you!

Worry Free ECFE

If you find that the class is not the right fit
for you or your child or if your schedule has
changed, simply contact us and you can
transfer to another class or receive a refund.

Can I register after the class has started?

Yes! Registration is open until the class is
filled. Fees will be prorated, please call 952-
226-0950 if you need an adjustment.

ECFE Weather Cancellations

ECFE will follow PLSAS weather related
closings. If school is closed or in online
learning, ECFE is cancelled. If school is
delayed 2 hours, there will be no morning
ECFE classes. These cancellations will not be
refunded or rescheduled.

Class Separation Explanation

Non-Separating: The parent education
component happens within the
classroom so babies and toddlers stay
with their caregivers.

Gradually Separating: Grown-ups and
teachers begin the process slowly, being
sensitive to the readiness of the children.

Separating: After beginning the class
together, parents convene in a separate
room for parent education and children
spend time with their teacher and peers.

What do I need on the first day?

- Child's birth certificate (New ECFE
Families only)
- Current Immunization Records
You may also fax these to
952-226-0949 or
email earlylearning@plsas.org.
Most clinics will fax records to our
office if requested. If your child is
behind on immunizations, catch up
with an appointment at:
Scott County Public Health
Valley Green Work Force Center
792 Canterbury Rd S
Shakopee, MN
952-496-8555





ECFE OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, September 3rd or
Wednesday, September 4th
9:00-11:00 and 1:00-3:00

Edgewood School
5304 Westwood Drive SE
Prior Lake

Contact us
☎ 952-226-0975
🌐 www.priorlakesavagece.com

- Meet our teachers
- Make connections with other parents and families
- See our learning spaces
- Learn about our programs
- Sign up for ECFE classes



WELCOME FUTURE LAKER

Congratulations on the new addition to your family! With the birth of a child come many wonderful and exciting new things. To help with your developmental and educational needs, we want to introduce you to the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools community.

We offer FREE Welcome Baby classes through our ECFE program.



STOP BY EDGEWOOD SCHOOL AND PICK UP YOUR FREE BABY BAG. INSIDE YOU WILL FIND SOME BABY ITEMS AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS.



Newborn Drop In Class

Fridays 10:30-11:30 at
Edgewood School

Congratulations on the newest member of your family!

This Drop-In Connection time is for parents of babies 0-12 weeks old. Registration isn't necessary, just stop by!

See Page 12 for more information.



ECFE Classes - Sliding Fee Scale

For classes with a parent education (ECFE) component, tuition is charged on a sliding fee scale based on family household income. The price shown is the most a family would pay. All families are welcome. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Class fees are calculated online.

Gross Annual Household Income	Participant Pays
\$0 - \$19,999	\$0
\$20,000 - \$39,999	25% of listed price
\$40,000 - \$69,999	50% of listed price
\$70,000 - \$89,999	75% of listed price
\$90,000 - \$119,999	85% of listed price
\$120,000+	100% of listed price

Sibling Care Policy

Sibling care gives parents the opportunity to spend individualized time with their child in an age specific class and to fully engage during parent discussion time. If a family is taking an age specific class (examples-infants, toddlers, 2s and 3s, etc) children who are not in the age group should register for sibling care. Our sibcare room is staffed by a qualified teacher who leads age appropriate exploration, activities and play. This service is available for siblings 4 months through age 5 as part of our ECFE program. Babies under 4 months may attend any class with their family. *Classes that include sibcare, are designated in the description. Register at the same time you register for your ECFE class.*

*Indicates Sibcare

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Little Movers 12-24 months 8:45-10 am	*Welcome Baby Birth-12 months Q1/Q2 8:45-10 am	Parenting A-Z Birth-PreK 9-10:45 am	*Toddler Time 12-30 months 8:45-10 am	*Fabulous Friday 1-5 yrs 8:45-10 am	Drop In and Play Ages 1-5 9-11 am
*Tiny Toddlers 10-20 months Q1/Q2 10:30-11:45 am	*Terrific Twos 24-36 months 9:15-11 am	*Busy Bees 1-5 yrs 11:15-12:30 pm	ECFE for Every Family (Birth-PreK) 9:30-11:15 am	New Born Drop In Birth-12 weeks 10:30-11:30 am	
*Parenting Your Preschooler 3-5 yrs 1-2:45 pm	*Ones and Twos 12-36 months 10:30-11:45 am	*Welcome Baby Birth-12 months Q1/Q2 11:15-12:30 pm	Family Connections Birth-PreK 11:45 am-1:30 pm	*My Grand and Me 1-5 yrs Q1 10:30-11:45 am	
	Music & Movement 1-5 yrs Q2 11:45 am-1:30 pm Q2 4:30-5:45 pm		Advisory Council Birth-PreK 11:45 am-1:30 pm	*Art Party 2.5-5 yrs Q2 10:30-11:45 am	
	Just for Parents: Time for Me 1-2:15 pm		*Welcome Baby Birth-12 months Q1/Q2 4:30-5:45 pm		
	Tuesday Fun 1-5 yrs 4:30-5:45 pm		Balanced Parenting Birth-PreK 6-7:15 pm		
	*Ones and Twos 12-36 months 6-7:15 pm				





Little Movers (Ages 12-24 mos)

Everything is new and exciting as your little one begins to explore their world. All experiences offer opportunities to learn. Join this class for helpful strategies to support the transition from baby to toddler. Our licensed parent educator, experienced staff, teaching assistant and a group of your peers are here for you all the way!

Mon, Sept. 9 to Jan. 13 8:45-10 am
No class: Dec. 23 & 30
 Non-Separating 17 sessions \$238
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$102

Tiny Toddlers (Ages 10-20 mos)

Ready or not that brand new baby of yours is turning into a terrific toddler! Enjoy this busy new phase of your child's growth by spending time together in our safe, supportive environment with time for socialization, mind and muscle building activities and fun!

Mon, Sept. 9 to Nov. 4 10:30-11:45 am
No class: Dec. 23 & 30
 Non-Separating 9 sessions \$126
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$54

Mon, Nov. 11 to Jan. 13 10:30-11:45 am
No class: Dec. 23 & 30
 Separating 8 sessions \$112
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$48



Parenting Your Preschooler (Ages 3-5 yrs)

Preschool is a whole new world for little ones and for parents! Let ECFC support you both during this time. Children will play and learn with their peers while parents have their own learning time and discussion. Is your child at school? Pay half the fee and just come to the talk time at 1:45.

Mon, Sept. 9 to Jan. 13 1-2:45 pm
No class: Dec. 23 & 30
 Separating 17 sessions \$238
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$102

Welcome Baby (Ages 0-12 mos)

Here you will be gifted with uninterrupted time to bond with your baby and build a community of parenting peers. Discuss growth and development, strategies for developing healthy eating and sleeping habits and learn about what new research tells us about a baby's first experiences- all with a licensed parent educator.

Tue, Sept. 10 to Nov. 5 8:45-10 am
 Non-Separating 9 sessions FREE
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$54

Tue, Nov. 12 to Jan. 21 8:45-10 am
No class: Dec. 24 & 31
 Non-Separating 9 sessions FREE
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$54



Terrific Twos (Ages 24-36 mos)

Two year olds use experimentation to learn all about our great big world! In this gradually separating class, your child will feel supported and secure while developing a sense of self and socializing with peers. Parents will meet and discuss topics relevant to this terrific age.

Tue, Sept. 10 to Jan. 21 9:15-11 am
No class: Dec. 24 & 31
 Gradual Separating 18 sessions \$252
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$108



Just for Parents: Time for Me (Parent Only Virtual)

Do you want to connect with other parents but can't seem to make it to class? This online version is for you! Tell a friend and join us for a parent only time where you can find support and creative ways to nurture yourself and create a happy home. Make the most of naptime or when your children are at school. Virtual links will be sent before class starts.

Tue, Sept. 10 to Jan. 21 1-2:15 pm
No class: Dec. 24 & 31
 Parent Only Virtual 18 sessions \$126
 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Ones and Twos (Ages 12-36 mos)

These little ones are ready and willing to explore while still wanting a strong connection with their grown up. Come learn new songs and activities to extend your child's learning at home. Parent discussion time will explore what is behind your toddler's endless energy and offer helpful strategies for this stage of your child's development.

Tue, Sept. 10 to Jan. 21 10:30-11:45 am
No class: Dec. 24 & 31
 Non-Separating 18 sessions \$252
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$108

Tue, Sept. 10 to Jan. 21 6-7:15 pm
No class: Nov. 5, Dec. 24 & 31
 Non-Separating 17 sessions \$238
 Edgewood School No Sibcare

"They give support connections and references even when English is your second language. You can't imagine how much they have changed my life and that of my family."

Music and Movement (Ages 1-5 yrs)

This popular class is back! Come sing, dance and play. There will be lots of large motor play, games and a variety of other activities for the whole family. Learn some new songs and have fun in this active class. Feel free to bring a light lunch to the 11:45 class. There will be time to munch!

Tue, Nov. 12 to Jan. 21 11:45am-1:30pm
No class: Dec. 24 & 31
 Non-Separating 9 sessions \$126
 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Tue, Nov. 12 to Jan. 21 4:30-5:45 pm
No class: Dec. 24 & 31
 Non-Separating 9 sessions \$126
 Edgewood School No Sibcare



"We have absolutely loved meeting other mamas and kiddos in our same life stage! We have made friends for life through ECFE!"

Tuesday Fun - Sensory Stuff (Ages 1-5 yrs)

Come dig in for some great sensory play; go home with recipes and extensions for more sensory play at home. Explore with slime, playdough, sand and more.

Tue, Sept. 17	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Oct. 8	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Nov. 12	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Jan. 7	4:30-5:45 pm
Non-Separating	1 session \$14
Edgewood School	No Sibcare

Tuesday Fun - Crafty Creatures (Ages 1-5 yrs)

Create your own crazy, fun creature that corresponds with the story of the night. Spend time together as a family engaging in hands-on activities and art exploration.

Tue, Sept. 24	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Oct. 22	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Dec. 3	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Jan. 14	4:30-5:45 pm
Non-Separating	1 session \$14
Edgewood School	No Sibcare

Tuesday Fun - Jump Into a Story (Ages 1-5 yrs)

Excitement for reading starts early! Join us for fun and engaging activities based on a different children's book each month!

Tue, Oct. 1	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Oct. 29	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Dec. 10	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Jan. 21	4:30-5:45 pm
Non-Separating	1 session \$14
Edgewood School	No Sibcare

Nature Pop-Up Family Event (Ages Birth to 7 yrs)

Let's get outside! Join us at Jeffers Pond for some Nature Play. All classes will include a story and plenty of time to explore the great outdoors. Be sure to dress for the weather. Classes will be moved indoors and families will be notified if the weather doesn't permit outdoor activities.

Tue, Sept. 17	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Oct. 1	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Oct. 8	4:30-5:45 pm
Tue, Oct. 29	4:30-5:45 pm
Non-Separating	1 session \$14
Jeffers Pond	No Sibcare

Busy Bees (Ages 1-5)

Pack a light lunch and bring your Busy Bee to this class for some fun and engaging activities without our early childhood teacher. Sensory play, building and art activities, stories and songs will all be a part of the busy and buzzing schedule.

Wed, Sept. 11 to Jan. 22	11:15am-12:30pm
No class: Oct. 2, 16, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 25, Jan. 1 & 8	
Non-Separating	13 sessions \$182
Edgewood School	Sibcare \$78

Welcome Baby (Ages 0-12 mos)

Here you will be gifted with uninterrupted time to bond with your baby and build a community of parenting peers. Discuss growth and development, strategies for developing healthy eating and sleeping habits and learn about what new research tells us about a baby's first experiences- all with a licensed parent educator.

Wed, Sept. 11 to Nov. 6	11:15am-12:30pm
No class: Oct. 2 & 16	
Non-Separating	7 sessions FREE
Edgewood School	Sibcare \$42

Wed, Nov. 13 to Jan. 22	11:15am-12:30pm
No class: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 25, Jan. 1 & 8	
Non-Separating	6 sessions FREE
Edgewood School	Sibcare \$36



Parenting A-Z (Ages Birth to Pre-K)

This yearlong class is just the ticket for building your parenting community. Weekly topics based on each letter of the alphabet will be tailored to the group and will expand your parenting knowledge. Children's activities will also be generated by the alphabet with lots of fun and creative choices each week. Sign up for one semester at a time.

Wed, Sept. 11 to Jan. 22	9-10:45 am
No class: Oct. 16, Nov. 27, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1	
Separating	16 sessions \$224
Edgewood School	No Sibcare

Toddler Time (Ages 12-30 mos)

Learning takes place for toddlers as they are moving and exploring, often not far from their parents. Discuss the wonders and challenges of parenting during this exciting time with our parent educator. Your child will explore in our classroom, learn with peers their same age and participate in a circle time designed just for them!

Thu, Sept. 12 to Jan. 23	8:45-10 am
No class: Oct. 17, Nov. 28 & Dec. 26	
Non-Separating	17 sessions \$238
Edgewood School	Sibcare \$102



ECFE for Every Family (Ages Birth to Pre-K)

Join other families with young children for fun, hands-on activities followed by discussion with a licensed parent educator. Conversation topics may range from behavior strategies to sleeping routines to sibling relationships and will be selected by the group of parents.

Thu, Sept. 12 to Jan. 23	9:30-11:15 am
No class: Oct. 17, Nov. 28 & Dec. 26	
Separating	17 sessions \$238
Edgewood School	No Sibcare



Family Connections (Ages Birth to Pre-K)

In this class, families connect with one another to share the joys and concerns about raising a child with special needs. This supportive program provides a safe, non-threatening atmosphere for sharing and learning. Siblings are welcome to attend with their family. Bag lunches are provided.

Meets Every Other Week 11:45am-1:30pm
 Thu, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, 31, Nov. 21, Dec. 12,
 Jan. 2, 16, 30, Feb. 13, 27, Mar. 13, 27, April
 17, May 1, 15 & 29
 Separating 17 sessions FREE
 Edgewood School No Sibcare

Welcome Baby (Ages 0-12 mos)

Here you will be gifted with uninterrupted time to bond with your baby and build a community of parenting peers. Discuss growth and development, strategies for developing healthy eating and sleeping habits and learn about what new research tells us about a baby's first experiences - all with a licensed parent educator.

Thu, Sept. 12 to Nov. 7 4:30-5:45 pm
No class: Oct. 10, 17 & 31
 Non-Separating 7 sessions FREE
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$42
 Thu, Nov. 14 to Jan. 23 4:30-5:45 pm
No class: Nov. 28, Dec. 26 & Jan. 16
 Non-Separating 8 sessions FREE
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$48



Balanced Parenting (Ages Birth to Pre-K)

Life with kids is a balancing act. Come find support and ideas for making the most of it all. Family communication and co-parenting skills, strategies for balancing work and family life, self-care and other topics identified by the group will be discussed while children engage in fun activities with our staff.

Thu, Sept. 12 to Jan. 23 6-7:15 pm
No class: Oct. 10, 17, 31, Nov. 28, Dec. 26 & Jan. 16
 Separating 13 sessions \$182
 Edgewood School No Sibcare



Advisory Council (Ages Birth to Pre-K)

Would you like to be a part of something that gives back to the Early Learning Community? Then this class is for you! This free class meets every other week with a meeting scheduled once a month during the parent discussion time where you can offer feedback on programming, help with fundraising, and support our teachers and other families. Bag lunches are provided too! See page 20 for more information.

Meets Every Other Week 11:45am-1:30pm
 Thu, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 5, 19,
 Jan. 9, 23, Feb. 6, 20, Mar. 6, 20, April 10, 24,
 May 8 & 22
 Separating 16 sessions FREE
 Edgewood School No Sibcare



Parent Coaching - We Are Here to Help!

Parenting is a tough job! Maybe you have questions or concerns about your child's development or behavior, maybe you would like some resources, maybe you just want to talk to someone about life's daily challenges, whatever the reason-our parent educators are here for you! Email Becki or Kim and then a meeting, phone call or online chat can be scheduled. **Becki** - rfounder@plsas.org and/or **Kim** - kchapin@plsas.org



Fabulous Friday (Ages 1-5 yrs)

Happy Friday! Make your Friday fabulous by joining other families and our ECFE staff for a fun-filled morning. Creative art, all kinds of activities, stories and songs will all be part of the fun.

Fri, Sept. 13 to Jan. 17 8:45-10 am
No class: Oct. 18, Nov. 8, 29 & Dec. 27
 Non-Separating 15 sessions \$210
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$90

My Grand and Me (Ages 1-5 yrs)

Kids- bring your grandma, grandpa or other special senior to this fun class. Spend this dedicated time together playing, doing art projects and other fun activities. Connect with fellow grandparents and learn new songs and extension activities from our early learning teacher.

Fri, Sept. 13 to Nov. 1 10:30-11:45 am
No class: Oct. 18
 Non-Separating 7 sessions \$98
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$42

Newborn Drop In (Ages Birth to 12 weeks)

Congratulations on the newest member of your family! This Drop-In Connection time is for parents of babies 0-12 weeks old. Our nurse and family outreach advocate will be available to answer questions and provide support, connection and resources for the whole family. Sleeping, feeding, attachment, development, self-care and returning to work are all possible topics. Weekly baby weight checks are also provided. Siblings are welcome to attend. Registration isn't necessary, just stop by!

Fri, Sept. 13 to Jan. 17 10:30-11:30 am
No class: Oct. 18, Nov. 8, 29, Dec. 27 & Jan. 3
 Non-Separating 14 sessions FREE
 Edgewood School No Sibcare

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Early childhood development milestones to age 5

Every child is unique. No two children develop, grow and learn at exactly the same pace. And yet children develop in predictable ways. Take notes as your little one learns. Babies and toddlers are growing, learning and changing all the time. It's fun to watch! We suggest you keep track of the new things they do and the milestones they reach. If you are concerned about your child's growth, development or learning, we encourage you to contact us at HelpMeGrowMN.org or 1-866-693-4769.

Art Party (Ages 1-5 yrs)

You are invited to a party- an art party that is! Come and create, concoct and connect with your child through weekly art explorations. Your child will love the hands-on experimentation; you will appreciate the chance to enjoy art with your kids without having to clean up the mess!

Fri, Nov. 15 to Jan. 17 10:30-11:45 am
No class: Nov. 29 & Dec. 27
 Non-Separating 8 sessions \$112
 Edgewood School Sibcare \$48

Drop In and Play (Ages 1-5 yrs)

Kids- bring your grandma, grandpa or other special senior to this fun class. Spend this dedicated time together playing, doing art projects and other fun activities. Connect with fellow grandparents and learn new songs and extension activities from our early learning teacher.

Sat, Sept. 14, Nov. 16, Dec. 7 & Jan. 11
 9-11 am
 Non-Separating 4 sessions FREE
 Edgewood School No Sibcare





Moore Family Finds Connections Through ECFE



Nate, Ashley, Layla, Madelyn and Charlie

We are the Moore Family! My husband Nate and I moved to Prior Lake in 2011, and since then have added 3 beautiful daughters to our family - Layla (11), Madelyn (8) and Charlie (3). Our family has been involved in the Early Childhood Family Education program with all 3 of our girls, starting when our oldest was 6 months old. With each child, I have found unique benefits to participating in ECFE classes.

As a first time mom who had recently made the decision to leave my career and stay home full time, I was longing to connect and learn from other caregivers and parent educators. I particularly found comfort in discussions with experienced parents and parent educators who gave expert advice and helped me build my confidence as a mother.

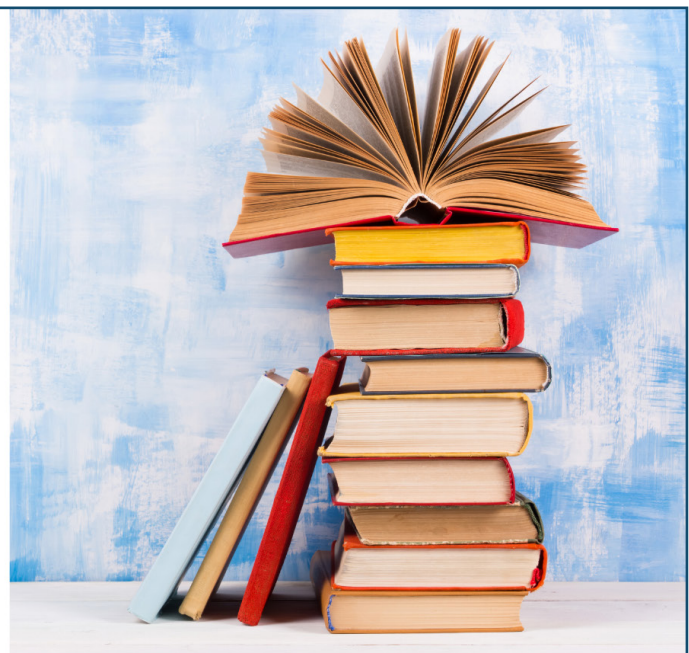
With my second daughter, my main motivation for participating in an ECFE class was to provide an opportunity for socialization for my toddler. What I didn't expect were the friendships I would form with the other parents, and still have to this day. Additionally, the classes were a great introduction into a "school" environment for my children and provided such a seamless transition into Circle of Friends preschool. When entering preschool, my girls were already familiar with the building, teachers, and paras.

With my youngest (and clingiest) daughter, the gradually separating class has been a gentle, and safe way for her to learn to be away from mom. Watching her confidence grow week after week has been incredible to witness.

Our family has truly loved our experience with Prior Lake- Savage area ECFE programming. We have found the support from other families and the parent and child educators to be invaluable.

FIND ECFE AT THE LIBRARY!

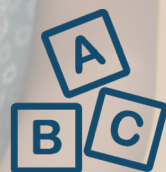
Our teachers support families during library story times. Come check us out at the Prior Lake Library on Thursday mornings!



Visit www.priorlakesavagece.com to register.



PRESCHOOL



We are committed to preparing your child for success in school and life skills! Starting preschool is an exciting milestone in your child's life. Our licensed teachers set up classrooms to help children discover a love for learning while working on social emotional skills that will help get them ready for lifelong learning.

We use a whole child approach that is focused on the individual needs and interests of our students through play based learning. Our school readiness standards are based on the Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress and staff follow a district approved curriculum to guide their lessons. Our classes incorporate our district's E-STEM philosophy. Our program has a 4-star Parent Aware rating.

For more information call 952-226-0950.

SOME REMINDERS ▼

Locations

Edgewood School

5304 Westwood Dr SE, Prior Lake

- Preschool classes for 3s, 4s, 5s, and our new Little Laker preschool section are located here. There are full day and half day options. These School Readiness classes access both the indoor and outdoor learning environments.

Jeffers Pond Elementary

14800 Jeffers Pass, Prior Lake

- Nature preschool classes are offered here, including both full day and half day options. The outdoors is the primary classroom with indoor spaces available as needed. We go outside in rain, snow & sunshine.

How do I register?

Class offerings can be found online. Register online or with a paper registration. Information can be found on our webpage: www.priorlakesavagece.com

Weather Cancellations

Preschool will follow PLSAS weather related closings. If school is closed or in online learning, Preschool is cancelled. If school is delayed 2 hours, there will be no morning Preschool classes. These cancellations will not be refunded or rescheduled.

Photograph and Video Opt-Out

Enrolling in Preschool or attending Preschool sponsored activities constitutes permission to take and use pictures and/or videos of yourself and your minor children in PLSAS publications, promotional materials and social media. If you would like to opt out of this, please contact Kristi Mussman at kmussman@plsas.org.

Questions or Need Help

Contact earlylearning@plsas.org or call 952-226-0950.





CIRCLE OF FRIENDS PRESCHOOL

WHY CHOOSE COF?

Preschool is an exciting time in your child's life!

Learning is a social process where children grow through play and exploration. COF

Early Learning preschool program focuses on creating a strong foundation for learning. All of our teachers are licensed and help children discover a love for learning!



E-STEM School and
4 Star Rated
Program



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
ANNOUNCES A NEW CLASS!

LITTLE LAKERS

TUESDAYS 9:30-11:00
EDGEWOOD SCHOOL

For children who turn 3 before 12/31/24

Registration information can be found at
www.priorlakesavagece.com

This class is a great introduction to preschool. The shorter time gives children a chance to acclimate to school routines and structure while still promoting learning through play and exploration. Our licensed teachers set up classrooms to help children discover a love for learning while working on social emotional skills that will help get them ready for lifelong learning.

ENROLL NOW!

Registration is now open for the 2024-25 school year. Information can be found on our webpage:
ew.plsas.org



Kids' Company

PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS

Lakers Preschool Child Care and the Laker 3s program serve families and children ages 3-5, through quality programming in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment.



LAKERS PRESCHOOL CHILD CARE

Lakers Preschool Child Care partners with Circle of Friends Preschool to align and compliment curriculum while providing child care before and after preschool classes. Monday-Friday; non-school days.

LAKER 3S PROGRAM

Laker 3s offers full-day, child care for 3 year-olds not participating in Circle of Friends. Monday-Friday.



Connect with Us

952-226-0375 | kidscompany@plsas.org
priorlake-savage.ce.eleyo.com/lakerspreschoolchildcare



**New
Edgewood
Playground!**

We are excited to announce our new playground! All early learning programs will benefit from this new play experience!

Thank you to the Prior Lake-Savage Optimist Foundation and our Early Learning Advisory Council who both provided funding for this project!



5304 Westwood Dr SE



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Minnesota requires all children to be screened before entering public school kindergarten. The screening is most valuable soon after your child's third birthday and gives you and your child an early connection to PLSAS.

Screening is FREE and includes growth, development, and immunization checks. Your child will be assessed in preschool concepts, communication skills, motor skills and social-emotional skills.

If your child has already been screened through HeadStart, in another school district, or your own medical resource, please provide the screening report. Children only need to be screened one time. Children do not need to be screened if they have an active Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Parents can choose to conscientiously object to screening for their child. If you object, please provide a signed statement indicating your conscientious objection to screening.

- ✓ Screening is FREE
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Discuss important information

**Have you scheduled your
Early Childhood Screening?**

Register online at www.priorlakesavagece.com
Questions? Call: 952-226-0975

Screen at 3



scan to make
an appointment



Community Education Programs



**Registration Opens
July 26!**



@PLSASCommEd

Music Together (Newborn-6 yrs w/Adult)

Instructor: Kari Owens, Music Together

Discover the joy of making Music Together! Sing, laugh, move and learn along with your child in these award winning classes. We bring families together in a warm, supportive and comfortable environment. Because young children learn best from the powerful role models in their lives, our engaging classes show parents and caregivers how to help their children become confident, lifelong music makers. Infants under eight months on the first day of the fall session (born after Jan. 25, 2024) attend free with a paid sibling.

Prior Lake Library - 16210 Eagle Creek Ave SE

Fri, Sept. 13 Free Demo 9:45-10:30 am
Fri, Sept. 13 Free Demo 10:45-11:30 am

Fri, Sept. 27 to Dec. 6 *No class: Nov. 29*
#2904A_Prior Lake 9:45-10:30 am
#2904B_Prior Lake 10:45-11:30 am

Savage Senior Living at Fen Pointe - 5950 W 13th Lane

Thu, Sept. 12 Free Demo 9:30-10:15 am
Thu, Sept. 12 Free Demo 10:30-11:15 am

Thu, Sept. 26 to Dec. 5* *No class: Nov. 28*
#2904A_Savage 9:30-10:15 am
#2904B_Savage 10:30-11:15 am

*Class includes "grandfriends", residents from Savage Senior Living.

10 sessions \$199/first child
\$119/additional child/sibling

Goat Yoga (Ages 6+ w/Adult)

Instructor: Tracey Miller

Do you love goats? Yoga? If so, this is for you! Goats are playful, loving, stress-relieving and therapeutic animals. Join us for a healthy mind and healthy body at this one of a kind class where you will learn and practice yoga, while falling in love with a goat! Yoga mats provided. **Please wear comfortable clothing.**

Sat, September 21 12-1 pm
#6278 1 session \$30
Gray Hobby Farm, 16375 Creekwood Rd, Prior Lake

Wish Upon a Ballet (Ages 3-6)

Instructor: Mayer Arts

This class offers a dynamic children's dance program blending popular stories with ballet, fostering creativity beyond steps. Through music, props like parachutes and scarves, children experience fairy tales while learning ballet fundamentals in an engaging manner. Stories and songs are child-friendly, ensuring a delightful experience. Participants develop strength, flexibility and an appreciation for dance and music. Each session concludes with a special performance for family and friends. Please bring ballet shoes and wear comfy clothes; shoes available for purchase on the first day.

Tue, Sept. 10 to Oct. 22 9:30-10:15 am
#2610_Little Mermaid 7 sessions \$85

Tue, Oct. 29 to Dec. 10 9:30-10:15 am
#2610_Little Mermaid 7 sessions \$85

La ola del lago at Grainwood Community Ed Classroom

Halloween E-STEM (Ages 4-7)

Instructor: Sarah Lund

Join us for a Halloween E-STEM class! Our young learners will brew bubbling potions, engineer "creepy carrot" fences, concoct pumpkin gut slime, stack candy corn pumpkin towers and indulge in fun, festive snacks!

Tue, Oct. 1 to 22 5:45-7 pm
#2540 4 sessions \$89

La ola del lago at Grainwood Community Ed Classroom

Holiday E-STEM (Ages 4-7)

Instructor: Sarah Lund

Join our Christmas E-STEM class with Mrs. Sarah for a magical and educational holiday experience! In this festive program, your child will explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering, arts and math all while celebrating the spirit of Christmas. Some of our engaging activities include chemistry, gingerbread slime, how to catch an Elf, and hot cocoa math. Fun, festive snacks will be provided.

Mon & Tue, Dec. 9 to 17 5:45-7 pm
#2541 4 sessions \$89

La ola del lago at Grainwood Community Ed Classroom



PRIOR LAKE CHAMBER
&
PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

FALL COMMUNITY FEST

FREE ENTRY

PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
7575 150TH ST. W
SAVAGE, 55378

FOOD • LOCAL BUSINESSES • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • LOCAL NON-PROFITS



September 16th Held From 6-8pm

for more information scan



COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY



Sat, October 26 2:30-5 pm
Twin Oaks Middle School
Lower Level



Enjoy games, prizes, a DJ, individual and family costume contests, a haunted house and more!

\$5/Ages 1-12
(Infants and Adults Free)
Pay online:
www.priorlakesavagece.com
Parent supervision required for children under 9.
Canned goods and monetary donations accepted for the CAP Agency.

Questions? Call 952-226-0311 or email bbirkholz@plsas.org



JOIN US!

Early Learning Parent Advisory Council

**Be part of something that gives back
to the Early Learning Community!**

MISSION

The Early Learning Parent Advisory Council supports ECFE's goal of supporting and strengthening families of young children through information, education, and networking.

The Advisory Council advises the administration of Edgewood School on the district's early childhood programs by offering feedback and input on program areas including current offerings, development and outreach, evaluation and resource assessment. There is also participation in fundraising and event planning. Use your skills in new ways that benefit the education of our district's younger learners.

Meet other families and community members to make connections and work together for the betterment of all of Early Learning!

MEETINGS

**The Advisory Council meets Thursdays from 12:30-2:30 at
Edgewood School.
5304 Westwood Dr. SE, Prior Lake**

**Childcare/ECFE class provided!
Virtual Meeting options are available!**

**Meeting Dates for 2024-2025 school year:
September 19, October 24, November 14, December 19, January 23,
February 20, March 20, April 24 and May 22**

**If you are interested or have questions,
please reach out to
Vicki Spieler at 952-225-0956 or vspieler@plsas.org**

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Northern Star Scouting	www.northernstar.org
Camp Fire MN	www.campfiremn.org
City of Prior Lake	952-447-9800 www.priorlakemn.gov
City of Prior Lake Recreation Dept.	952-447-9820 www.priorlakemn.gov/recreation
City of Savage	952-882-2660 www.cityofsavage.com
City of Savage Recreation Dept.	952-224-3420 www.cityofsavage.com/parks-recreation
Girl Scouts River Valleys	800-845-0787 www.girlscoutsvr.org
PLAY (Prior Lake Athletics for Youth)	952-440-7529 www.playinfo.org
Prior Lake Players	www.plplayers.org
Prior Lake-Savage Hockey Association	www.plsha.com
Prior Lake Snowmobile Association	www.priorlakesnow.com
Prior Lake Soccer Club	www.priorlakesoccer.org
Prior Lake Youth Wrestling	www.priorlakewrestlingclub.org
Scott County Libraries Prior Lake Savage	952-447-3375 952-707-1770
South Metro Storm Swim Club	www.mnstorm.org
Three Rivers Park District	763-559-6700 www.threeriversparks.org
U of M Extension - Scott County - 4H	952-492-5410



Early Head Start

Head Start is a CAP Agency Program serving Scott, Carver and Dakota Counties. They offer Preschool Programs for Ages 3 to 5. Children with Special Needs are welcome and there is no cost to income eligible families. There is limited availability. For an application call 651-322-3500 or visit www.capagency.org for more information.

Crisis Nursery

The Crisis Nursery welcomes calls from parents in any situation needing a sympathetic ear, parenting tips or information about community resources. In a crisis situation, the Crisis Nursery may be able to provide short term child care for children ages newborn to 12 years, if their families are residents of Scott or Carver Counties. Call Crisis Nursery's help line at 612-839-5101. Trained advocates are available to help during a crisis. If you are interested in displaying brochures, making donations or volunteering as a care provider, contact the CAP Agency at 952-402-9851. Make a difference in a child's life!

Family Resource Center

Family Resource Center (FRC) is located at 1615 Weson Court, Shakopee, with additional locations across Scott County (Shakopee Library, Jordan Area Food Shelf, and Savage Library). They have a variety of hours of operation for the different locations. The FRC provides a wide variety of services including but not limited to parenting skills, support, and mentorship programs; early literacy and education programs; health and wellness services and programs; financial literacy classes; economic assistance navigation, housing consultation, legal information; domestic violence education and advocacy; and culturally specific service navigation and language access for LatinX and Somali communities. For more information call 952-818-3795 or 612-708-6935 or www.scottcountymn.gov/frc

Shakopee Community Assistance

Shakopee Community Assistance (SCA), The Toy Corner and Loaves and Fishes are located at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 119 8th Avenue West, Shakopee.

SCA is committed to meeting the basic needs of nutrition, clothing, and hygiene for children birth to four from Scott County families in need. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-6:00 pm. Call 612-708-1668 or <https://sca-mn.org> for more information.

The Toy Corner has a mission to provide new and like-new toys to kids from families experiencing financial hardship who live in Scott County. They service children from birth to 15 years of age. Their hours of operation are Mondays and Tuesdays 3:00-6:00 pm. Call 952-737-9854 or www.thetoycorner.org for more information.

Loaves and Fishes provides a free dinner to everyone who needs or wants a free meal. Their hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:30-6:30 pm.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

WIC is a nutrition education program for women who are pregnant, nursing or postpartum and for families with infants and children under age five. The program provides nutrition information, counseling for pregnant and nursing mothers and supplemental foods such as milk, cheese, juice, cereals and infant formula to promote good health. WIC eligibility is based on household income guidelines. Appointments must be made in advance. If you live in Scott County please call 952-496-2125 or check the website at www.capagency.org for more information.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SNAP Formerly know as Food Stamps, helps Minnesotans with low incomes get the food they need for nutritious and well-balanced meals. The program provides support to help stretch your household food budget. It is not intended to meet all of your household's food needs. It is a supplement. If you are approved for SNAP, you can use your benefits at many stores, farmers markets and senior dining sites. For more information call 1-800-657-3698 or fns.usda.gov.



Are you or is someone you know being abused?

For help or information in Scott and Carver Counties, call 952-873-4214

Visit www.svamn.org



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Class Locations

Edgewood School

Door 6W, Lower Level Entrance
5304 Westwood Dr SE, Prior Lake

Jeffers Pond Elementary

14800 Jeffers Pass, Prior Lake

2024-25 EL School Year

September 9 to May 30

Non School Days:

Oct. 16, 17, 18
Nov. 8, 27, 28, 29
Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31
Jan. 1, 20, 24
Feb. 17
Mar. 28, 31
April 1, 2, 3, 4
May 26

Early Release Days - No Afternoon Classes:

Oct. 2, Nov. 7, Dec. 4
Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5
April 8, May 7

Our Offices Will Be Closed

Sept. 2, November 27, 28, 29,
December 24, 25, 31, January 1,
April 3, 4, May 27, June 19, July 4



Guidelines and Procedures

Class Confirmations | To receive a class confirmation, please provide an email address at the time of registration, a confirmation will be emailed to you. We will contact you by phone or mail if there is a change. Please list a daytime phone number so we can reach you if a class is cancelled.

Cancellation | ECFE reserves the right to withdraw a course due to lack of enrollment. If we have to cancel a class, families will be notified by email and a full refund will be issued. We are happy to help you find another class that will work for you.

Classes may be cancelled due to inclement weather. ECFE will follow PLSAS weather related closings. If school is closed or in online learning, ECFE is cancelled. If school is delayed 2 hours, there will be no morning ECFE classes. These cancellations will not be refunded or rescheduled.

Privacy | The information requested during registration will be used to verify eligibility as well as determine staff, facility and equipment needs. Your registration information may be provided to school district staff, volunteers, instructors, the school district attorney, insurer and auditor. Your email information is for internal use only and will not be sold or solicited.

Photograph and Video Opt-Out | Participating in Early Learning sponsored classes and events constitutes permission to take and use pictures and/or videos of yourself and your minor children in PLSAS publications, promotional materials and social media. If you would like to opt out of this, please contact Kristi Mussman at kmussman@plsas.org.

Tours | If you are not able to make the open house, you can schedule a tour to learn about our schools. To schedule a tour please email vspieler@plsas.org. In the subject line write "EL Tour Request". In the email, include 3 preferred dates for your tour.



COF Calendars and
Supply Lists



Frequently Asked Questions



COF Class Options & Tuition



Tuition Assistance | If your family is in need of a scholarship to help with preschool tuition, a Pathway I Early Learning Scholarship application must be completed and submitted directly to the Families First of Minnesota office in Rochester Minnesota.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Families First of Minnesota communicates directly with families, they do not provide application status or scholarship award information directly to Circle of Friends Preschool. Be sure to keep our office updated on the progress of your application and the award status.



Census | It is important for the district to have accurate numbers, especially for all children birth to age 5. Being on the census ensures:

- The school district will have accurate numbers to plan for future students
- That you will receive information about Early Childhood programs and services available through the district
- That maximum funding is received by our district from state/local governments.

If you have a new baby, a preschooler or are a new family to the district please call the District Services Center at 952-226-0000 to be added to the census list.



Early Childhood Family Education
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
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ECRWSS
POSTAL CUSTOMER

**Dated Time Sensitive Materials.
Please Deliver by August 1, 2024**

You Are Invited To Celebrate

Free Event!

For all Families!

50th Anniversary of ECFE Family Event
Where: Edgewood School
When: Thursday, October 10th
Time: 5:00-6:30 pm

***Teddy Bear Band *Face Painting**
***Activities *Food**
***Fun for the Whole Family**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD
FAMILY EDUCATION**