



## ABOUT

# EC&FE AT WILLOW LANE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The Early Childhood & Family Education (EC&FE) program at Willow Lane Early Childhood Center serves families with children from birth to age five. Willow Lane Early Childhood Center is one of two early childhood centers in Osseo Area Schools. Families participate in our program as both district and out-of-district residents.



### OPPORTUNITY

Activities where families learn, enjoy time together and connect with others in the community.



### SUPPORT

We support families by providing parent education time and we welcome children of all ability levels.



### PARTNERSHIPS

Local hospitals, clinics, human services organizations, libraries and special education.



### HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE

Our Preschool and Pre-K programs have earned the highest possible Four Star Rating from Parent Aware.



### SAFE & NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Children explore activities, discover new things and make new friends. Parents build confidence in their own parenting abilities.



### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers in our program work with students and/or adults in the classroom, at events or can take home projects.

## SPOTLIGHT ON EC&FE AT WILLOW LANE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

- EC&FE classes offered mornings, afternoons, evenings and some Saturdays
- Early Childhood Screening appointments: A free and simple check of your child's growth, development and learning (ages 3-5)
- Preschool and PreK classes offered mornings or afternoons, 2-3 days a week
- EC&FE Visits for families with a parent educator
- Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council: Members provide feedback, host social events and fundraisers
- Free family-friendly events
- Drop-in Playtime
- Safety enclosed playground area

## SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING

In our program, children develop skills to be a member of a group, build routines, work together and grow emotionally with others. We practice getting ready for kindergarten by modeling what a typical day might look like. We practice the three pillars of Behavior Expectations:

- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be safe

## STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

By participating in programs and special events, families develop meaningful relationships that support their important role as parents and advisers to their child's educational journey.

You are your  
child's first  
and most  
important  
teacher.

