



4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

A place to play, learn and be curious!

2025-26 Preschool Registration Process

The process begins with completing a Preschool Lottery Form ranking the location you want your child to attend.

The form will be available on our website (stillwaterschools.org/preschool) from Jan. 20 at 7 a.m. through Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

We will use a randomized lottery system to fill available preschool spots. First priority will be given to those students that live within that school's boundaries. Second priority will be given to students residing within the district boundaries. Third priority will be given to students who live outside the district. Half day programs at ECFC and Brookview will be prioritized by district boundaries first and out of district second.

All families will receive notification of their lottery status by Feb. 21.

- If your child's name is chosen you will have one week to complete the rest of the registration process, which will be outlined in the acceptance email you receive.
- If your child is not selected in the initial lottery, their name will be placed on a waiting list and you will be notified via email.
- Only when your preschool contract has been accepted and registration completed will you be charged the registration fee of \$80.
- Families who register for preschool after the Feb. 2 deadline will be added to the waitlist in the order received.

What does a typical day in preschool look like?

Typical Classroom Activities:

- Free breakfast
- Morning meeting
- Teacher-led small group instruction
- Student-led playful learning
- Letterland instruction
- Shared reading
- Snack (provided by family, full-day students only)
- Songs/music
- Second Step lesson
- Playground/recess/gym
- Sensory exploration
- Free Lunch, recess, and rest for full-day students

Will my child have opportunities to be outside?

Our preschool classes access the school playgrounds daily. In addition to movement games in the classroom, if the building schedule allows, classes may utilize the gym space for large motor activities.

How will I communicate with my child's teacher?

Consistent with the elementary buildings, teachers utilize Seesaw as the main form of communication. Emails, phone calls, and personal conversations are also always welcomed.

What curricular resources are used in Preschool?

- **Second Step:** District Social Emotional Curriculum
- **Letterland:** District phonics curriculum
- **Fountas and Pinnell:** Shared Reading; PreK language/literacy
- **Creative Curriculum:** PreK instructional framework; guiding classroom interest areas and developmentally appropriate teaching practices



Lottery registration window:

Monday, Jan. 20, 7 a.m. through Sunday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

Families will be notified the week of Feb. 17

Complete the lottery form at stillwaterschools.org/preschool

2025-26 PRESCHOOL OPTIONS (Start/end times may be subject to change.)

4-year-old Preschool at Elementary School Locations

In our elementary schools, preschool takes place four days/week. Schoolage care is available through Adventure Club before and after classes on a limited basis. Adventure Club rates can be found at stillwaterschools.org/AC.

Full-Day Preschool at all Elementary Schools

Monday-Thursday (7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.) \$830/month

Half-Day Morning Preschool (Brookview Elementary only)

Monday-Thursday (7:45-10:15 a.m.)..... \$415/month

Preschool at the Early Childhood Family Center (ECFC)

4-year-old classes run Monday through Thursday with half and full day options. Before and after school care (Adventure Club) is **NOT** available at the ECFC.

Preschool for 4-year-olds at the ECFC

Four half-days/week.....\$410/month

Mon-Thur 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mon-Thur 1-3:30 p.m.

Four full-days/week.....\$810/month

Mon-Thur 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Friday Play Days

For families who would like a fifth day for their preschoolers, we offer "Friday Play Days". These classes are supervised by our preschool classroom assistants and provide a positive social setting in which children can explore and play. Activities expand on themes studied in the preschool classes.

Elementary School Locations

(7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.)..... \$235/month

Early Childhood Family Center

(9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)..... \$235/month



Financial Assistance

Preschool is a fee-based program provided by Community Education. Limited scholarships are available for Minnesota residents who are not yet 5 years old as of Sept. 1. Depending on your family income, you may be eligible for discounted or free services. The Financial assistance process does not begin until your child's preschool contract has been established. Please call the ECFC at 651-351-4020.

Free Transportation

If space permits and you live within the school attendance boundaries of your chosen preschool location, your student may ride the school bus. There is no transportation for the ECFC building or to alternative school locations.

In order to attend, children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2025 and potty trained (students with a disability which may prohibit independent toileting are exempt).

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Preschool Locations

ECFC

1111 Holcombe St. South
Stillwater, MN 55082

Andersen Elementary

309 North 4th St.
Bayport, MN 55003

Lake Elmo Elementary

11030 Stillwater Blvd.
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Rutherford Elementary

115 Rutherford Road
Stillwater, MN 55082

Afton-Lakeland Elementary

475 St. Croix Trail South
Lakeland, MN 55001

Brookview Elementary

11099 Brookview Road
Woodbury, MN 55129

Lily Lake Elementary

2003 West Willard St.
Stillwater, MN 55082

Stonebridge Elementary

900 North Owens St.
Stillwater, MN 55082

