

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## ALBERT LEA AREA SCHOOLS PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

We are excited to announce the start of PRE-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Albert Lea Area Schools.

**JANUARY 23 & FEBRUARY 24, 2025  
FROM 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM**

**BROOKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER  
211 WEST RICHWAY DRIVE, ALBERT LEA, MN**

### KINDERGARTEN

- To be eligible for **Kindergarten**, students must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2025.

For those unable to attend in person, completed registration packets can be dropped off at Brookside Education Center, Monday-Friday from 7:00am-3:30pm. Online registration is also available through the QR code.

If you have questions regarding Kindergarten Registration, please contact Dani Bryant at 507-379-4806 or [dani.bryant@alschools.org](mailto:dani.bryant@alschools.org)

We look forward to meeting our Class of 2038 Tigers!



**START YOUR ONLINE  
REGISTRATION BY  
SCANNING THE QR CODE.**

### PRESCHOOL

- To attend **Preschool**, students must be three (3) years and four (4) years old on or before September 1, 2025.

Beginning January 23, Pre-K registration will be LIVE on our website

If you have any questions regarding Pre-K registration, please contact the Early Learning Office at 507-379-4831. We are excited to serve our students!

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

# EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

Early Childhood Screening is a **free** and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning.

### What to expect at a screening appointment:

#### A trained professional will check:

- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunizations records
- Large and small muscles
- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

This screening may help link you to other free learning opportunities, such as prekindergarten programming, Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Minnesota early learning scholarships for high quality care and education, Head Start, Home Visiting, and Early Childhood Special Education.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Thursday, January 9 | 8:00am-6:00pm**  
**Friday, January 10 | 8:00am-2:00pm**

Thursday, February 6 | 8:00am-6:00pm  
Friday, February 7 | 8:00am-2:00pm

**Thursday March 6 | 8:00am-6:00pm**  
**Friday, March 7 | 8:00am-2:00pm**

Thursday, April 4 | 8:00am-6:00pm  
Friday, April 5 | 8:00am-2:00pm

**Thursday May 7 | 8:00am-6:00pm**  
**Friday, May 8 | 8:00am-2:00pm**

To schedule your child's appointment, register online at [www.AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org](http://www.AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org), scan the QR code or call 507-373-4831.



Your child may also be screened at their Head Start, Child and Teen Check-ups or a clinic that offers developmental screening. Parents may conscientiously object to screening. Minnesota Statutes 121A.17.

### WHAT IS ECFE?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program by Albert Lea Area Schools offering parenting information and support for parents with children from birth to age 5.

### WHAT DOES A TYPICAL ECFE CLASS INCLUDE?

- **Parent-Child Activity Time:** Families explore a classroom with play materials and learning activities led by a licensed early childhood teacher.
- **Parent Education Time:** Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences, and parenting techniques.
- **Children's Activity Time:** Children engage with the early childhood teacher and practice social skills with their peers.

### WE ARE HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS!

If you are interested in a parent-child class or a virtual parenting class but do not see a course that fits your schedule, please reach out to our staff. We are happy to discuss additional options that work for you!

#### Contact:

- Katrina Pedersen: [katrina.pedersen@alschools.org](mailto:katrina.pedersen@alschools.org)
- Krista Doyle: [krista.doyle@alschools.org](mailto:krista.doyle@alschools.org)

### SUPPORT FOR CHALLENGING EARLY CHILDHOOD BEHAVIORS

We understand that your child's behavior can be challenging. Our Early Childhood Parent Educators are here to provide free information and support for parents and caregivers dealing with these issues.

To set up an appointment, which can be in person or via Zoom, please email:

- Krista Doyle: [krista.doyle@alschools.org](mailto:krista.doyle@alschools.org)
- Mary Jo Volkman: [mary.j.volkman@alschools.org](mailto:mary.j.volkman@alschools.org)

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!



**BABY SERIES CLASSES**  
**TODDLER SERIES CLASSES**  
**PARENTING CLASSES**  
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**NEW** NEW CLASS OFFERING

**★** POPULAR CLASS

**👤** SIBLING CARE OFFERED



### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER

CREDIT CARD ONLY



#### ONLINE

AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



#### CALL

507-379-4831



#### IN PERSON

211 W Richway Drive

SCAN QR  
 CODE TO  
 SEE CLASS  
 OFFERINGS



## BABY BUDS

Parent Educator: Mary Jo Volkman & Krista Doyle

0-12 month olds & parents

Welcome to our cozy Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class designed for parents and their precious 0-12 month olds! Dive into a world of gentle songs, sensory play, and supportive discussions tailored to the needs of early parenthood. From tummy time tips to soothing techniques, discover invaluable insights while bonding with your baby and connecting with other families. Join us in a nurturing space where laughter, learning, and love abound. Together, we'll celebrate the joys of infancy and lay the foundation for a lifetime of exploration and growth.



Brookside Rm. 204

9 sessions each

See Fee Chart

**EC12** 🌟

**Tuesdays, January 14- March 11**  
**4:00-5:00pm**

🌟 **EC13**

**Thursdays, January 16- March 13**  
**8:30-9:30am**

**EC14** 🌟

**Tuesdays, March 25- May 20**  
**4:00-5:00pm**

🌟 **EC18**

**Thursdays, March 27- May 22**  
**8:30-9:30am**

## LITTLE EXPLORERS

Parent Educator: Mary Jo Volkman & Krista Doyle

6-18 month olds & parents

Welcome to our exciting Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class, where parents and their curious 6-18 month olds delve into the world of sensory exploration! Together, we'll engage in playful activities that stimulate your baby's senses—touch, sight, sound, smell, and taste. From sensory bins to textured play mats, every session is designed to spark wonder and promote developmental growth. Join us for a delightful blend of bonding moments, giggles, and discoveries as we nurture your little one's early curiosity in a warm and supportive environment.

Brookside Rm. 204

9 sessions each

See Fee Chart

**EC05** 🌟

**Thursdays, January 16- March 13**  
**10:00-11:00am**

🌟 **EC06**

**Thursdays, March 27- May 22**  
**10:00-11:00am**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JANUARY 10**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 21**

## BABY SHOWER

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle

Expecting parents or child 0-6 months

Welcome to the start of your parenting adventure! Whether you're expecting or have recently welcomed your little one, we're thrilled to invite you to our Early Childhood Family Education community. Explore our facilities, connect with other families-to-be, and discover our exciting programs. Plus, enjoy a free welcome baby goodie bag as our special gift to you!

Brookside Rm. 202

1 sessions each

No-Cost

**EC07**

**Friday, January 10**  
**10:00-11:00am**

**EC08**

**Friday, March 14**  
**10:00-11:00am**

**EC10**

**Friday, May 9**  
**10:00-11:00am**

## PEA PODS

1-2 year olds & parents

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



Welcome to a nurturing and enriching experience designed specifically for parents and their 1-2 year olds! Our Early Childhood Family Education class offers a supportive environment where families can learn, play, and grow together during this critical stage of early development. Enjoy the journey of parenthood surrounded by a welcoming community of families just like yours.

Brookside Rm. 204 9 sessions each See Fee Chart

EC26

EC27

Tuesdays, Jan. 14- March 11  
8:30-9:30am  
REGISTER BY: JANUARY 8

Tuesdays, March 25- May 20  
8:30-9:30am  
REGISTER BY: MARCH 19

## GROWING TOGETHER

1-3 year olds & parents

Parent Educator: Mary Jo Volkman  
ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

Step into our vibrant Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class, where parents and their adventurous 12-36 month olds embark on a journey of discovery and joy! Through engaging activities like sensory play, creative arts, and interactive stories, we celebrate each milestone and foster curiosity in our little explorers. Connect with fellow parents, share experiences, and gain practical tips from our supportive community of caregivers and educators. Join us for a fun-filled time of learning and laughter, where every moment is a new adventure in toddlerhood!

Brookside Rm. 204 9 sessions each See Fee Chart

EC17

EC21

Tuesdays, Jan. 14- March 11  
5:30-6:30pm  
REGISTER BY: JANUARY 8

Tuesdays, March 25- May 20  
5:30-6:30pm  
REGISTER BY: MARCH 19

## LITTLE ACORNS

3-5 year olds & parents

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle  
ECFE Teacher: Hannah Lee

Parents and their lively 3-5 year olds will embark on exciting outdoor explorations in nature! Together, we'll discover the wonders of the natural world through scavenger hunts, nature walks, and imaginative outdoor games. From observing wildlife to creating nature-inspired art, each session fosters a love for the great outdoors and promotes physical activity. Join us for a joyful blend of laughter, learning, and unforgettable adventures as we play, learn, and grow together in nature's playground! *No class May 8.* **Weather backup location: Brookside Rm. 237. REGISTER BY: MARCH 28**

EC29

Outdoor Adventure Classroom

Thursdays, March 27- May 22  
4:00-5:00pm

8 sessions  
See Fee Chart

NEW CLASS OFFERING POPULAR CLASS SIBLING CARE AVAILABLE

## BUZZY BEES

2-3 year olds & parents

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

Join us in our lively Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class tailored for parents and their energetic 2-3 year olds! Join us for a delightful blend of play, learning, and connection in a supportive environment designed to celebrate this dynamic stage of early childhood. Through interactive activities, music, stories, and guided playtime, we'll explore the wonders of toddlerhood together. Build friendships with other families, gain valuable parenting tips, and watch your child thrive as they engage in age-appropriate activities that spark curiosity and creativity. This class is where learning meets laughter!

Brookside Rm. 204 9 sessions each See Fee Chart

EC16

EC22

Tuesdays, Jan. 14- March 11  
10:00-11:00am  
REGISTER BY: JANUARY 8

Tuesdays, March 25- May 20  
10:00-11:10am  
REGISTER BY: MARCH 19

## GRAND CONNECTIONS

3-5 year olds & special person

Educator: Krista Doyle  
ECFE Teacher: Hannah Lee

Join us for a fun ECFE class where grandparents/caregivers/special person in your child's life and their energetic 3-5 year olds team up for a lively mix of activities! Get ready for hands-on crafts, engaging games, and storytelling sessions that spark curiosity and creativity. This is a chance to explore, play, and learn together while discovering new ways to connect across generations. Whether you're crafting, singing silly songs, or enjoying some active play, there's something for everyone. Come join the fun and make some great memories (and maybe a little mischief) along the way! *No class January 23.* **REGISTER BY: JANUARY 10**



EC03

THURSDAYS, JAN. 16- MARCH 13  
4:00-5:00pm

ECFE Rm. 237  
8 sessions  
See Fee Chart

