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FAMILY STRONG**

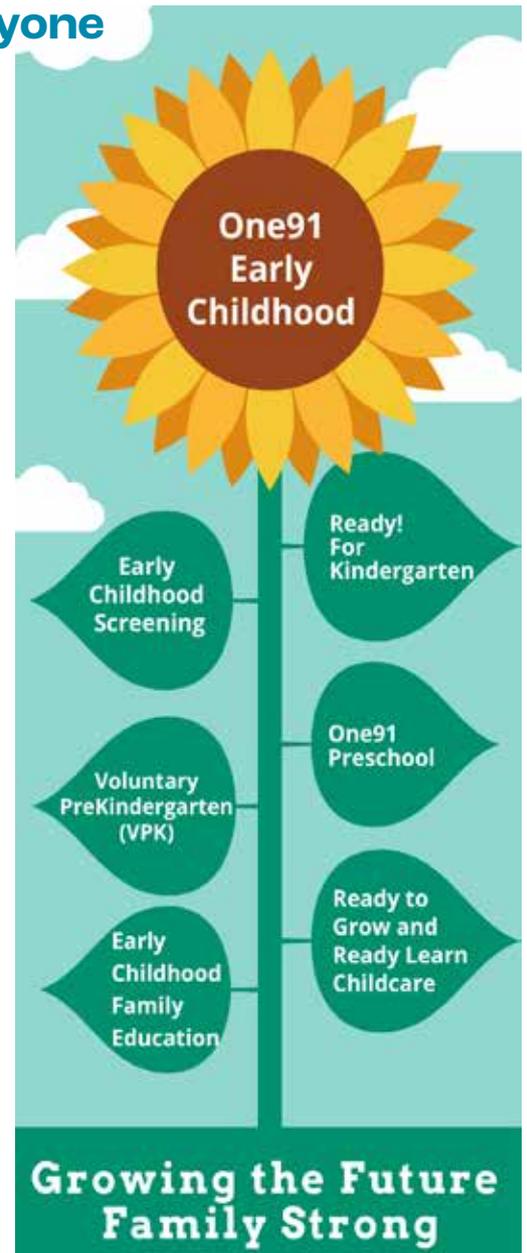
2025-26 ECFE Classes, Events, Child Care & Preschool
Opportunities for families with infant, toddler & preschool children
to learn and grow together

Early Childhood has something for everyone

Engaging educational classes and services for children and families....



Circle time, outdoor classroom, gym play, social and emotional learning, routines that support independence, cooperation, relationships and play.



Early Childhood Programs CORE COMPONENTS

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher

Social emotional development is the foundation for strength and growth

Connecting children to nature through outdoor learning is essential



Engagement with community partnerships and events is a valuable resource

MN Early Childhood Indicators of Progress is an important guiding tool

ONE91 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

At the heart of every thriving child is a strong family and a supportive community. We offer a continuum of high-quality early childhood education and family programs designed to nurture your child's growth and development from the very beginning. One91 Early Childhood is rooted in relationships, driven by excellence and focused on your child's future.



A Heartfelt Farewell and a Warm Welcome Ahead

Honoring Cynthia Sampers and Embracing a New Chapter in Early Childhood

As we welcome a new Early Childhood Coordinator, we also pause to celebrate the remarkable career and retirement of Cynthia Sampers. For more than 40 years—including over three decades in ISD 191—Cynthia has been a passionate advocate, educator, and leader in Early Childhood Education. Her commitment to nurturing young learners and supporting families has helped create a stronger foundation for our early childhood programs and touched the lives of countless children, families, and colleagues.

Cynthia's leadership leaves a lasting legacy of compassion, dedication, and community. While we say farewell to a treasured leader, we look forward with excitement as our new coordinator builds upon the strong, caring foundation Cynthia helped create.

Meet Kaitlin Cantolla, our new Coordinator of Early Childhood

Kaitlin Cantolla brings a wealth of experience and expertise rooted deeply in early childhood education.



She began her career as a childcare teacher, transitioned into a Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) educator, and then expanded her impact into the K-5 system, where she discovered her passion for leadership within Community Education.

With a strong commitment to child development, literacy, and explicit phonemic instruction, Kaitlin is dedicated to supporting our youngest learners as they begin their educational journeys. Her enthusiasm for fostering a solid foundation in early education empowers children to grow, thrive, and become lifelong learners.

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Early Childhood programs include ECFE, Preschool, Early Childhood Screening, Ready To Grow/Learn - Licensed Child Care & Education

ECFE Early Childhood Family Education

Our classes provide families with warm and welcoming environments designed with the whole family in mind. Activity time is rich with play and learn stations that spark curiosity and exploration for parents and children. Enjoy quality time with your child, meet new people and see old friends.

Parent discussion time supports adults and provides information helpful for parenting in today's world.

Two hour classes consist of parent-child activity time, followed by parent discussion, which is led by a licensed Family Educator in a separate space. During 90 minute classes, parent discussion may be less formal since families stay together the entire time.

Registration is ongoing beginning August 1, 2025

Tuition is based on a sliding fee scale which is determined by income. See details on page 18. Full payment must accompany each registration.

Fall Quarter September 13- December 23

No class Oct 13, 14, Nov 27, 28

Winter Quarter January 5-March 13

No class Jan 16, 19, Feb 16-18

Spring Quarter March 23-June 4

No Class April 23-24, May 25

All classes & activities are held at Diamondhead Education Center (DEC) unless otherwise listed.

Fall 2025 ECFE Infant & Toddlers

Infant Toddler classes are non-separating. Parent discussion takes place in the children's classroom.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		10-11:30 am Toddlers and 2s, Gradual Separation 18-24 months E1-22 Rm 1031			
	12:30-2 pm Moms & Babies Birth-12 months E0-22 Rm 1033	3-4:30 pm Fourth Trimester for Moms Birth-6 months E0-12 Rm 1033		12-1:30 pm Infants & Toddlers Birth-30 months E3-12 Rm 1033	



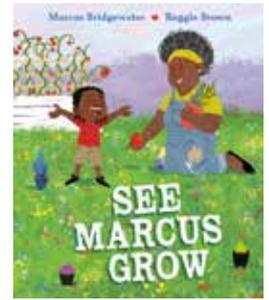
One91 ECFE Offers Families

A community & sense of belonging, social benefits for children & parents, valuable parenting time that includes support & quality information.

Our ECFE teaching teams are growing - not all positions have been filled therefore teacher names are not listed. See the online version of ECFE offerings for the most up to date information at communityed191.org.

2025 ECFE Mixed Age Classes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Managing Multiples Birth-5 years E5-22 Rm 1033</p> <p>9:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Little Artists 18 months-5 years E1-12 Rm 1031</p>	<p>9:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Terrific Tuesdays Birth-5 years E5-52 Rm 1031</p>	<p>9:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Little Spot of Feelings - Book Discussion 2-5 years E2-12 Rm 1033</p>	<p>9:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Grand Day with Grands Birth-5 years E5-72 Rm 1031</p>	<p>9:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Fabulous Friday Birth-5 years E5-92 Rm 1033</p> <p>9:30-11:30 am</p> <p>LGBTQ+ Parenting Birth-8 years EX-22 Rm 1031</p>	<p>8:45-10:15 am</p> <p>Saturday Morning Playtime Birth-5 years EP-12 Rm 1031</p>
<p>4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Art Start Birth-5 years E5-32 Rm 1031</p>	<p>4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Latino Family Playtime / Tiempo de Juego en Familia Latina Birth-5 years EP-22 Rm 1031</p>	<p>12:30-2:30 pm</p> <p>Making a Difference (Parent Advisory Council) Birth-5 years E5-62 Rm 1033</p>	<p>12:30-2:30 pm</p> <p>Think it Through Thursdays Birth-5 years E5-82 Rm 1033</p>	<p>12:30-2:30 pm</p> <p>Together We Bloom 2-5 years E2-22 Rm 1031</p>	<p>10:30 am-12 pm</p> <p>Saturday Outdoor Adventures Birth-5 years E5-12 Outdoor Classroom (Rm 1033 weather)</p>
<p>5:45-7:45 pm</p> <p>Dads Connect Birth-5 years E5-42 Rm 1031</p>	<p>5:45-7:45 pm</p> <p>Parenting Solo & Growing Together Birth-8 years EX-12 Rm 1031</p>	<p>6-7:30 pm</p> <p>Evening Family Playtime Birth-5 years EP-32 Rm 1033</p>			



Jumpstarts 20th Annual

Read for the Record

October 13-February 26

See Marcus Grow

Written by Marcus Bridgewater and illustrated by Reggie Brown

District 191 celebrates early literacy by reading along with thousands of schools, libraries, organizations and communities. Jumpstart's Read for the Record kicks off on October 13th and culminates in the annual Read for the Record Day on February 26th.

See Marcus Grow is a vibrant picture book that introduces young readers to the wonders of gardening while exploring themes of curiosity, discovery, nurturing and growth. In this story, the young character named Marcus learns from his grandmother in her garden. The book beautifully illustrates the parallel between plant care and human development, sharing the wisdom that both children and seedlings need "water and air and sunshine. And space to grow."

"Grandma's favorite place is her garden. It seems like she could stay there forever! Marcus wants to know why—so they set about exploring it together. From shells protecting seeds (like Marcus's helmet protects his head) to a small seed eventually growing into something big (also just like Marcus), there are so many amazing connections to be made in this wonderful place.

Day after day, Marcus delights in realizing how much he has in common with the plants—he drinks water every day, too, and he gets haircuts just like the plants get pruned. As his grandma says, there's a whole world to explore in a garden, and Marcus likes thinking about it as a playground for all the snails, birds, bugs, and worms. And one of its many beauties is the bounty they are rewarded with after all the love and care they pour into it!"

Read for the Record Reveal Special Bedtime Storytime

Mon, Oct 20 6:30-7:30 pm Diamondhead Lower Level

Join us for a cozy evening of reading and fun! Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal or blanket as we reveal this year's Read for the Record book with a special nighttime storytime.

I Love to Read Month Special Event

Thu, Feb 26 at 10 am Diamondhead Atrium

Join us in celebrating I Love to Read Month with a special storytime featuring the heartwarming tale about Marcus! Kaitlin Cantolla, Early Childhood Coordinator, will bring the story to life as our guest reader.

Free Family Events

Open House & Resource Fair

Fri, Aug 15 2-6 pm Diamondhead

The Community Education Open House & Resource Fair is a free event that connects families with local programs, services and activities offering a welcoming space to learn, engage and explore community resources.

Burnsville Festival & Fire Muster

Sept 4-6 Civic Center Park

We'll be walking in the community parade Saturday at 11 am. You'll also find us at the family-friendly International Drink Station at the festival. Look for new menu items!

Tinsel & Treats

Fri, Dec 5 5-8 pm Diamondhead

In partnership with the City of Burnsville, Tinsel & Treats is a free event that brings the community together for seasonal treats, crafts, and celebration.

Family Fun Night

Fri, Jan 9 5-8 pm Diamondhead

The family fun night offers a welcoming space for families to connect and enjoy activities.

Kindergarten Information Nights

Kindergarten Information Nights take place in January. Watch isd191.org for more information.

Watch for upcoming One91 Community Education events designed to bring families together, share resources and celebrate our community.



Saturday Outdoor Adventures

Birth-5 years

Join us for a refreshing and engaging Saturday Outdoor ECFE class, where children and caregivers explore nature, build connections, and enjoy the benefits of outdoor learning together! This class is perfect for busy families who want to experience the magic of ECFE on the weekend.

In this class, you and your child will:

- ◆ Explore the outdoors through nature walks, sensory play, and hands-on activities.
- ◆ Enjoy songs, movement, and stories in a natural setting.
- ◆ Learn how outdoor play supports development, curiosity, and resilience.
- ◆ Connect with other families and participate in parent discussions while children engage in supervised outdoor exploration.

Rain or shine, we'll be outside (with weather-appropriate modifications), embracing the seasons and the wonders of the natural world.

Meets twice per month: Sep 13, 27, Oct 11, 25, Nov 8, 22, Dec 6, 20
E5-12 Sat Sep 13-Dec 20 10:30 am-12 pm 8 sessions
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Saturday Morning Playtime

Birth-5 years

Start your weekend with fun, connection, and hands-on learning! Saturday Morning Family Playtime is a lively ECFE class for families with children ages 0-5. Enjoy a relaxed, welcoming environment filled with music, movement, sensory play, and interactive activities that support your child's development.

Caregivers participate alongside their children and take part in meaningful conversations about parenting, early learning, and child development. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and connect with a supportive community of caregivers who are on the same journey.

Meets twice per month on: Sep 13, 27, Oct 11, 25, Nov 8, 22, Dec 6, 20
EP-12 Sat Sep 13-Dec 20 8:45-10:15 am 8 sessions
Sliding Fee C DEC Rm 1031

Managing Multiples:

A Class For Families with Twins, Triplets, and More Birth-5 years

Parenting multiples comes with unique joys and challenges! Connect with other parents who understand your journey while gaining practical strategies for managing daily routines, sleep schedules, sibling dynamics, and individual development.

In this class, you will:

- ◆ Share experiences and build community with other families of multiples.
- ◆ Learn tips for creating balanced routines and reducing stress.
- ◆ Explore how to support each child's individual needs and identities.
- ◆ Participate in guided parent-child activities that promote bonding and early learning.

Led by experienced parent educators, this class provides a space to feel seen, supported, and empowered in your parenting journey with multiples.

No class Oct 13, Nov 10
E5-22 Mon Sep 15-Dec 22 9:30-11:30 am 13 sessions
Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1033

Dads Connect:

A Special Class Just For Fathers and Father Figures Birth-5 years

This class is designed specifically for dads, stepdads, grandpas, uncles, and other father figures who play an important role in a young child's life. Join other men in a relaxed, supportive environment where you can connect, learn, and grow alongside your child.

In this class, you will:

- ◆ Spend quality time bonding with your child through guided play, songs, and activities.
- ◆ Explore parenting topics that matter to dads, such as discipline, building routines, and navigating emotions.
- ◆ Share experiences and ideas with other fathers and caregivers.
- ◆ Gain confidence and tools to support your child's development at home.

Led by an experienced parent educator, this class offers a unique opportunity to be hands-on in your child's learning journey while forming connections with other involved and caring dads.

No class Oct 13, Nov 10
E5-42 Mon Sep 15-Dec 22 5:45-7:45 pm 13 sessions
Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1031



Little Artists: A Hands-On Art Class for Young Children and Their Caregivers 18 months-5 years

Get ready to get messy, create, and explore! Little Artists invites young children and their caregivers to dive into the world of art through open-ended, process-focused activities that spark imagination and creativity.

In this class, you and your child will:

- ◆ Experiment with a variety of materials like paint, clay, collage, and more.
- ◆ Explore color, texture, and shape through child-led, sensory-rich art experiences.
- ◆ Support fine motor development, self-expression, and problem-solving.
- ◆ Enjoy songs, stories, and movement to complement each week's creative theme.

Caregivers also join in short parent discussions while children create, gaining insights into how art supports early development and how to encourage creativity at home. No artistic experience needed, just a willingness to play and explore together!

No class Oct 13, Nov 10
E1-12 Mon Sep 15-Dec 22 9:30-11:30 am 13 sessions
Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1031

Art Start Birth-5 years

Art Start is all about playful, open-ended art experiences that encourage creativity, self-expression, and connection at the end of your busy day.

Each week, families will explore new materials, enjoy music and movement, and engage in simple art projects that support development and imagination. Caregivers will have opportunities to connect with each other and participate in meaningful conversations around parenting, creativity, and child development.

No class Oct 13
E5-32 Mon Sep 15-Dec 22 4-5:30 pm 14 sessions
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Parenting Solo: and Growing Together For Single, Solo, or Separating Parents Birth-8 years

Parenting on your own (whether by choice or circumstance) comes with its own unique set of strengths, challenges, and questions. This supportive class is designed for parents and caregivers who are raising young children while navigating life as a solo parent.

In this class, you'll find a welcoming space to:

- ◆ Connect with other solo parents for mutual support and understanding.
- ◆ Explore strategies for self-care, building resilience, and managing stress.
- ◆ Discuss co-parenting dynamics (when applicable) and creating stability for your child.
- ◆ Engage in parent-child activities that strengthen relationships and support early learning.

Led by caring, experienced educators, this class focuses on empowering families and celebrating the growth that happens when we show up for ourselves and our children.

No class Oct 14
EX-12 Tue Sep 16-Dec 23 5:45 -7:45 pm 14 sessions
Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1031

Moms & Babies: For Connection, Support, and Growth in the First Year

Birth-12 months

The first year of your baby's life is filled with wonder, questions, and big changes for both of you. Moms & Babies is a gentle, welcoming class designed for mothers and their infants birth to 12 months to learn, connect, and grow together in a supportive community.

In this class, you will:

- ◆ Spend quality time bonding with your baby through songs, movement, and sensory play.
- ◆ Explore topics like sleep, feeding, development, returning to work, and postpartum well-being.
- ◆ Share experiences and build friendships with other new moms.
- ◆ Gain confidence and support from experienced parent educators.

Whether you're a first-time mom or adding to your family, this class offers a nurturing space to celebrate milestones, navigate challenges, and grow in your parenting journey.

No class Oct 14
E0-22 Tue Sep 16-Dec 23 12:30-2 pm 14 sessions
Sliding Fee A DEC Rm 1033



Latino Family Playtime / Tiempo de Juego en Familia Latina:

**A Space to Grow, Play, and Connect as a Family /
Un Espacio para Crecer, Jugar y Conectar
en Familia Birth-5 years / de 0 a 5 años**

This ECFE program is designed especially for Latino families with children from birth to 5 years. Join us in a warm, welcoming environment where parents, caregivers, and children can learn, play, and connect while celebrating culture and language.

Este programa ECFE está diseñado especialmente para familias latinas con niños desde recién nacidos hasta 5 años. Únase a nosotros en un ambiente cálido y acogedor donde padres, cuidadores y niños pueden aprender, jugar y conectarse mientras celebramos la cultura y el idioma.

In this class, you and your family will:

- ◆ Participate in play, music, and movement activities that support early development.
- ◆ Explore important parenting and child development topics in a bilingual and bicultural space.
- ◆ Connect with other Latino families to build community and share experiences.
- ◆ Enjoy stories, songs, and games in both Spanish and English.

En esta clase, usted y su familia:

- ◆ Participarán en actividades de juego, música, y movimiento que apoyan el desarrollo temprano.
- ◆ Explorarás temas importantes sobre crianza y desarrollo infantil en un espacio bilingüe y bicultural.
- ◆ Conectarán con otras familias latinas para construir comunidad y compartir experiencias.
- ◆ Disfrutarán de cuentos, canciones y juegos en español e inglés.

Led by culturally responsive educators, this class celebrates Latino identity and strengthens family bonds.

Guiados por educadores sensibles a la cultura, esta clase celebra la riqueza de la identidad latina y fortalece los lazos familiares.

No class Oct 14

EP-22 Tue Sep 16-Dec 23 4-5:30 pm 14 sessions
Sliding Fee A DEC Rm 1031

Terrific Tuesday

Birth-5 years

Terrific Tuesday is a joyful ECFE class designed for families with children ages 0-5. Each week, you and your child will explore a rich blend of music, movement, sensory play, art, and early learning activities all tailored to support healthy development and a strong parent-child bond.

This class offers a warm, welcoming space where children learn through play and caregivers gain valuable insights and support.

While little ones engage in hands-on exploration, parents and caregivers connect through guided discussions on child development, parenting strategies, and the everyday joys and challenges of raising young children.

No class Oct 14

E5-52 Tue Sep 16-Dec 23 9:30-11:30 am 14 sessions
Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1031

Fourth Trimester for Moms: For Mothers in the First Months After Birth Birth-6 months

The weeks and months following childbirth (known as the “fourth trimester”) are filled with powerful changes, both physically and emotionally. This ECFE class is a gentle, welcoming space for new moms to connect, share, and grow together during this deeply transformative time.

In this class, you will:

- ◆ Connect with other new moms navigating similar experiences.
- ◆ Explore topics like postpartum recovery, emotional wellness, feeding, and sleep.
- ◆ Share joys and challenges in a supportive, nonjudgmental environment.
- ◆ Engage in bonding activities with your baby to support early development.

Led by experienced parent educators, this class honors the unique needs of mothers in the early postpartum period and offers encouragement, resources, and community as you adjust to life with your new baby.

No class Oct 15

E0-12 Wed Sep 17-Dec 17 3-4:30 pm 13 sessions
Sliding Fee A DEC Rm 1033



A Little Spot of Feelings and Book Discussion: Exploring Emotions Through Stories and Play 2-5 years

Help your child build emotional awareness and resilience in this fun and interactive class inspired by the “A Little Spot” book series! Together, we’ll explore feelings like happiness, anger, love, and anxiety through stories, music, movement, and hands-on activities that support social-emotional development.

In this class, you and your child will:

- ◆ Learn about different emotions and how to name them.
- ◆ Practice strategies for calming big feelings in age-appropriate ways.
- ◆ Strengthen your parent-child connection through guided play and discussion.
- ◆ Meet other families and build community around emotional learning.

Parent Book Study: This class is offered in conjunction with a book study for parents and caregivers using “Your Child’s Growing Mind” by Jane M. Healy. While children explore emotions in the classroom, adults will engage in meaningful discussions about brain development, learning, and how to best support their child’s growth during these critical early years.

Led by experienced educators, this class provides a supportive, creative, and informative space for both children and adults to learn and grow together.

No class Oct 15
E2-12 Wed Sep 17-Dec 17 9:30-11:30 am 13 sessions
Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1033

Parent Advisory Council & Child Playgroup: A Unique Opportunity to Connect, Contribute, and Play Birth-5 years

This special offering combines meaningful parent involvement with fun, play-based learning for children. While children enjoy a guided playgroup with licensed early childhood staff, parents and caregivers meet as part of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to help shape the future of ECFE programming.

During this class:

- ◆ Children participate in age-appropriate activities that support social, emotional, and cognitive development through play, music, and exploration.
- ◆ Parents/caregivers engage in discussion and planning sessions focused on ECFE events, program feedback, community outreach, and parent leadership.

Being part of the Parent Advisory Council is a great way to:

- ◆ Build connections with other families.
- ◆ Advocate for your child and community.
- ◆ Gain leadership experience in a supportive setting.
- ◆ Help create enriching experiences for all ECFE families.

No session Oct 15
E5-62 Wed Sep 17-Dec 17 12:30-2:30 pm 13 sessions
No cost DEC Rm 1033





Toddlers & 2s - Gradual Separation: Supporting Your Child's Growing Independence with Care **18 months-2 years**

This class is designed for toddlers and 2 year olds who are beginning the exciting step of spending time apart from their parents in a safe, nurturing environment. The Gradual Separation approach helps children build confidence and trust at their own pace while still feeling secure.

In this class, your child will:

- ◆ Explore play-based learning activities with caring early childhood educators.
- ◆ Develop social skills and independence through guided interactions with peers.
- ◆ Experience brief, supportive separations that gradually increase as comfort grows.

Meanwhile, parents and caregivers will:

- ◆ Receive guidance on how to support your child's separation and transitions.
- ◆ Connect with other families navigating similar milestones.
- ◆ Participate in discussions about toddler development, emotions, and routines.

Led by experienced educators, this class creates a warm, understanding space for both children and caregivers to feel supported as your child takes these important steps toward independence.

No class Oct 15
 E1-22 Wed Sep 17-Dec 17 10-11:30 am 13 sessions
 Sliding Fee A DEC Rm 1031

Family Playtime: Evening ECFE

Birth-5 years

End your day with connection, curiosity, and joy in this engaging evening class for families with children ages 0-5.

Family Playtime is a relaxed, welcoming space where children and caregivers can explore music, movement, sensory play, and interactive learning together.

Each week, you'll enjoy playful experiences that support your child's growth while building strong routines and relationships. Caregivers will have opportunities to connect with one another, share in the joys and challenges of parenting, and walk away with real-life strategies to support learning at home.

Whether your family is winding down or just getting started, Family Playtime offers the perfect balance of fun, learning, and community.

No class Oct 15
 EP-32 Wed Sep 17-Dec 17 6-7:30 pm 13 sessions
 Sliding Fee A DEC Rm 1033

Grand Day with Grands: Celebrating the Special Role of Grandparents **Birth-5 years**

This unique class is designed for grandparents and their grandchildren to share quality time, learning, and joy together. Whether you're a primary caregiver or a special weekly visitor, this class honors the important role grandparents play in a young child's life.

In this class, you will:

- ◆ Engage in fun, developmentally appropriate activities with your grandchild.
- ◆ Learn about early childhood development and how to support it at home.
- ◆ Share stories, wisdom, and experiences with other grandparents.
- ◆ Strengthen your connection with your grandchild through play, songs, and meaningful routines.

Led by experienced parent educators, this class offers a welcoming space for building relationships, gaining confidence in caregiving, and creating lasting memories together.

No class Oct 16, Nov 27
 E5-72 Thu Sep 18-Dec 18 9:30-11:30 am 12 sessions
 Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1031



Think It Through Thursday

Birth-5 years

Engage curious minds and spark creative thinking in Think It Through Thursday. Each week, explore hands-on activities that encourage problem-solving, exploration, and discovery; building foundational skills in science, math, and critical thinking through playful learning. Together, children and caregivers will experiment with simple science concepts, explore cause and effect, and dive into sensory-rich projects designed to foster curiosity and confidence. Caregivers also benefit from guided discussions focused on nurturing their child's thinking and learning at home.

No class Oct 16, Nov 27

E5-82 Thu Sep 18-Dec 18 12:30-2:30 pm 12 sessions
Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1033

Infants & Toddlers: Growing Together Through Connection and Play

Birth-30 months

Whether your little one is just starting to coo or already on the move, this class offers a welcoming space to explore early learning, build routines, and strengthen the parent-child bond.

In this class, you will:

- ◆ Enjoy music, movement, sensory play, and simple activities that support development.
- ◆ Learn about sleep, feeding, brain development, toddler behavior, and more.
- ◆ Connect with other families and share the joys and challenges of early parenting.
- ◆ Participate in parent discussions while children play nearby with early childhood educators.

Led by caring and knowledgeable staff, this class honors each child's unique pace of development and supports caregivers with real-life strategies, encouragement, and community.

No class Oct 17, Nov 28

E3-12 Fri Sep 19-Dec 19 12-1:30 pm 12 sessions
Sliding Fee A DEC Rm 1033



LGBTQ+ Families - Growing Together: Celebrating Diverse Family Journeys

Birth-8 years

This welcoming class is designed for LGBTQ+ parents and caregivers of young children to connect, share, and grow together in a supportive, affirming environment. Whether you're parenting as a couple, solo, or co-parenting in a unique family structure, this class offers a space to explore parenting topics through the lens of identity, inclusion, and community.

In this class, you will:

- ◆ Build relationships with other LGBTQ+ families.
- ◆ Discuss parenting topics in a space that honors your lived experience.
- ◆ Explore child development, early learning, and emotional growth.
- ◆ Engage in parent-child activities that foster connection and belonging.

Led by inclusive and knowledgeable parent educators, this class affirms all identities and family structures, celebrating the love and strength that make your family unique.

No class Oct 17, Nov 28

EX-22 Fri Sep 19-Dec 19 9:30-11:30 am 12 sessions
Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1031

Together We Bloom

2-5 years

This inclusive class is designed for families with children ages 2-5 who may be experiencing developmental delays. Through music, movement, sensory play, and hands-on learning, children build important skills in a supportive, play-based environment.

Caregivers participate alongside their child, connect with other families, and take part in meaningful parent discussions led by experienced early childhood staff. Together, we'll nurture growth, celebrate progress, and support each child's unique developmental journey.

No class Oct 17, Nov 28

E2-22 Fri Sep 19-Dec 19 12:30 am-2:30 pm 12 sessions

Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1031

Fabulous Friday: Explore, Discover, Celebrate

Birth-5 years

Celebrate the end of the week with hands-on discovery and joyful connection! Fabulous Friday invites families with children ages 0-5 to dive into playful exploration with a different theme or learning focus each week: think colors, textures, nature, movement, music and more. Each session includes sensory-rich activities, guided routines, and engaging early learning experiences that support all areas of development. While children play and explore, caregivers enjoy supportive discussions and connect with others who are navigating the early childhood journey.

Expect surprises, smiles, and a space where both children and caregivers can end the week feeling inspired and recharged.

No class Oct 17, Nov 28

E5-92 Fri Sep 19-Dec 19 9:30-11:30 am 12 sessions

Sliding Fee B DEC Rm 1033



EVERY CHILD COUNTS IN 191!

Each year, families enrolled in an early childhood program are asked to complete an Application for Educational Benefits. Submitting this form helps secure essential state and federal funding that directly supports programs and services for students and families in our district.

Applications are available online

isd191.org/enroll/application-for-educational-benefits
or ask your teacher for a paper copy.

If you have a child under the age of 3 and have concerns about their development

Call Early Childhood Special Education at 952-895-6610

help me



Learn more about
how young children develop!

Help Me Grow has many resources for parents and professionals, including information on developmental milestones, caregiver strategies to support development, and how screening and evaluation can benefit young children.

www.helpmegrowmn.org

Ready to Grow/Ready to Learn

Licensed Childcare for Young Children

Year-round Monday-Friday 7 am-5:30 pm

Flexible care schedules at Diamondhead Education Center. For more information or to schedule a tour for either Ready to Grow or Ready to Learn, contact Lyndsay Griffin, the Coordinator for Ready to Grow, Ready to Learn.



Meet Lyndsay Griffin, Coordinator – Ready to Grow, Ready to Learn

Lyndsay brings 24 years of dedication to our district, including 6 years as a preschool teacher and the past 18 years as the coordinator of our full-day infant, toddler, and preschool program: Ready to Grow, Ready to Learn.

Lyndsay is deeply passionate about supporting working families by providing high-quality childcare that is safe, nurturing, engaging, and educational. Her commitment ensures that every child in our care has a positive place to grow and thrive while their families are at work. lgriffin@isd191.org 952-707-4146

Ready to Grow 6 weeks-31 months

Ready to Grow embraces the philosophy of primary caregiving that allows for nurturing and attachment to and from your child's primary caregiver.

The role of the primary caregiver is to provide the essential link of communication between you and the program, empower parents as the child's first and most important teacher and caregiver, provide positive learning experiences for the children in their care, nurture each individual child, and observe, monitor and evaluate to ensure each family's experience at Ready to Grow is a positive one.



Ready to Learn 31 months-5 years

Ready to Learn focuses on individualized care and small group activities for preschool-age children. Our comprehensive curriculum is designed to nurture the development of the child.

The curriculum focuses on school readiness in the areas of language and literacy, science and math, creative art and music, dramatic play and movement, and health and nutrition. We believe play is a central component to the curriculum. Early childhood research shows children learn best when engaged in hands-on learning experiences which occur during play. Your child will be valued, encouraged, held and treated with unconditional, positive regard.

Ready to Grow/Ready to Learn is proud to have earned our Parent Aware Four-Star Rating!

This Parent Aware Rating means we're using school readiness best practices to make sure the kids we care for are prepared for kindergarten.



We've earned
the highest rating...
4 Stars!

Ready! for Kindergarten

For Parents and Guardians of Children Birth to Pre-Kindergarten

The READY! for Kindergarten® school readiness program empowers parents and caregivers to succeed in their role as children's first and most influential teachers. READY! provides tools and activities to optimize the natural curiosity of children and to nurture learning and development.

During a child's early years, parents and caregivers play a key role in shaping language, literacy, math, and social-emotional skills. Active engagement of families and caregivers is the most effective way to make those critical developmental years count.

READY! for Kindergarten consists of Age Level Targets®, Training and Tools to Play With a Purpose, making learning at home fun and effective.

Parents attend three 90-minute in-person or online workshops for each of the first five years of their child's life. School districts and organizations offer READY! to help close the achievement gap by partnering with parents so more children succeed in school and in life.



Training

READY! gives parents and caregivers training, information and activities to help their child develop skills known to be highly predictive of school success. READY! activities fit naturally into everyday settings and routines. READY! is a lifestyle: read with your child for 20 minutes and Play With a Purpose with a READY! activity for 10 minutes every day.



Tools

The Tools include books, toys, games, puzzles, music, and more. The Tools are kept by participants, giving families and caregivers the opportunity to reduce potential barriers for success. READY! also emphasizes how to Play With a Purpose, using everyday items and activities for learning.

Targets

The READY! curriculum is based on 26 important child development and learning milestones. Each indicator, called a Target, is explored using playful activities appropriate to the age of the child. The Targets cover three domains: language and literacy, math and reasoning, and social and emotional development.



Classes and materials are split into 3 part classes - Fall, Winter and Spring.

Each session shares with families what you can do with your child to build upon their development in that age group. Age groups are split into 0-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5, and offered at each class in both virtual and in person.

At this time, class is designed to be just for parents. Infants are welcome to attend.



Fall, Part 1

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - Virtual, 6-7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - In Person, 6-7:30 pm

Winter, Part 2

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - Virtual, 6-7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 - In Person, 6-7:30 pm

Spring, Part 3

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - Virtual, 6-7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, In Person 6-7:30 pm

Available in English & Spanish

Ready for School?

If you have a 3, 4 or 5-year-old, check in with us before kindergarten to make sure your child is on track.

one91
Burnsville · Eagan · Savage



Register today!



What is early childhood screening?

Screening is an early look at a child's development and begins as early as age three. This can give parents peace of mind that their child is developing normally, and if needed, allows health and developmental concerns to be addressed at least one to two years before a child enters kindergarten.

The state of Minnesota requires health and developmental screening for every child before they start kindergarten. Burnsville-Eagan-Savage District 191 offers this service at no cost.

REGISTER TODAY!

Early childhood screening checks:



Fine and gross motor skills



Height and weight



Vision and hearing



Cognitive and social development



Speech and language development



Immunizations





Photos in Classes

One91 Early Childhood Programs periodically take pictures of participants in our classes and during other sponsored activities. These photos may be used in community education and district publications or other promotional materials. By registering for a class with us, you are giving permission for use of your photos. If you do not wish to have your picture taken or published, you must provide us written notice in advance.

Email Notifications

Include your email address on your registration. We send a confirmation email and messages regarding changes to class via email. We will never give your information to any other agency it is strictly for use by District 191.

Weather Cancellations

Alerts will be posted on the District and Community Education websites. Information will be relayed through local television and radio stations along with Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Immunizations

Minnesota law requires children enrolled in early education programs to be immunized against certain diseases or file a legal medical or conscientious exemption. Immunizations must be on file PRIOR to the start date of class, current as appropriate to the child's age or in progress, in order to attend One91 Early Childhood Programs.

District 191 requires immunization records for Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes that run six weeks or more, One91 Preschool, and Kindergarten classes.

Submit a current copy of your child's immunization records to the District 191 Early Childhood Nurse, Fax to 952-707-4166 or complete the Early Childhood Immunization Form on our website and mail or drop off at the Community Education office at Diamondhead Education Center.

Class Cancellations

If Community Education cancels class due to low enrollment, you will receive a full refund. If you cancel out of a class more than 5 business days before the class start date, you will receive a refund less a \$10 processing fee. If you cancel less than 5 business days before the start of a class or activity there will be no refund. No refunds for online classes once the meeting information has been sent.

If you find that a class is not the right fit for you or your child, contact us after the first week of class for assistance in finding a better fit. If a class is not available, you will receive a credit on your community education account for use on a future class.



Our experienced and caring teaching staff lead parents and children in engaging and stimulating activities that spark curiosity and exploration.

ECFE REGISTRATION



Return with payment to ECFE 200 W Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville, MN 55337
Payment, and a copy of immunization record must be submitted at the time of registration
Please register each child attending class. Do not send cash in the mail.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Child Attending	Birth Date	Class Name	ID#	\$
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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Family Annual Income _____

District Resident: Yes No Cash Check

Visa MC Discover AMEX UCare Visa CC# _____

Exp. ___/___ Cardholder Signature _____ Fee assistance request: I am able to pay \$ _____

ECFE Tuition -Sliding Fee Scale

Fees vary according to class length and number of sessions. All classes offer a sliding fee based on total family income. We encourage all families to participate in ECFE regardless of payment. Choose what you feel you are able to pay or indicate waive fee when registering. Limit of one fee waiver per quarter.

Family Annual Income	Fee A 90 minutes	Fee B 2 hours	Fee C Short Session
0-\$19,999	\$30	\$40	\$20
\$20-44,999	\$50	\$60	\$25
\$45-64,999	\$75	\$85	\$35
\$70-84,999	\$100	\$110	\$50
\$85,000 & Up	\$130	\$150	\$65

Registration window is ongoing beginning August 1, 2025

1. Register online at communityed191.org or at the Diamondhead Education Center office
2. Choose your classes and special events
3. Determine the fee based on our sliding fee scale
4. Complete Registration & Immunization information and submit with payment

ONE91 PRESCHOOL

Sparking the Love of Learning

In preschool, Pathways learning is designed to spark the love of learning. Our students widen their worlds and build foundational skills to continue their learning journey.

Children learn and grow best through play experiences. We embed skill-building into play to promote healthy development of the whole child throughout the classroom. For example, math skills show up at the snack table, the block corner and more.



Flexible Programs for Every Family

One91 Preschool provides flexible options for families based on schedule, location and cost. No matter which option, One91 Preschool is ready to spark curiosity, creativity, engagement, knowledge, and a love of learning in each child. Fees are based on income unless otherwise listed. Scholarships may be available for qualifying residents of District 191.

Preschool Options

For more information contact, preschool@isd191.org, or 952-707-4110.

Puede llamar a Maricela Dale al 9 952-707-4165 para asistencia en español.

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Voluntary PreKindergarten

Must be 4 years of age by Sept 1, 2025 and not yet kindergarten eligible

At District 191, our Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) program helps your child build a love for learning in a caring, inclusive environment. Designed for 4-year-olds, our VPK classrooms spark curiosity, promote early literacy, and support social-emotional growth – setting the foundation for a successful kindergarten experience. Morning and afternoon sessions available. Space is limited. Transportation and meal services are available at our neighboring schools.

Diamondhead Education Center offers full day VPK from 9 am-3:30 pm with wrap around care options.

5 days per week, M-F. Independent toileting skills required (no pull ups). Fee based on eligibility and sliding fee scale (refer to application).

Preschool **Must be 3 years of age by Sept 1, 2025**

District 191 offers a nurturing, play-based preschool program designed to spark curiosity and build school readiness for children ages 3 to 5. With caring teachers, hands-on-learning, and a focus on social-emotional development, our preschools help young learners thrive – academically, socially, and emotionally. Whether your child is just beginning their preschool journey or getting ready for kindergarten, District 191 is here to support every step. No transportation or meals provided. Independent toileting skills required (no pull ups). Fee based; scholarships available.

5 days per week, mornings or afternoons at Diamondhead Education Center

Preschool Plus **Preschool Plus con un interprete de español**

Must be 3 years of age by Dec 1, 2025

Transition into preschool through this part-time option that includes time for parents and children. Fee based.

Independent toileting skills are not required. No transportation or meals provided. Sibling Care available.

Watch for details for upcoming open houses in September. More information will be mailed to registered participants.

2 days per week (1 day child only, 1 day child+parent), mornings or afternoons at Diamondhead Education Center

Fall 2025 Preschool Registration is ongoing on a space available basis

To apply, download the application packet at communityed191.org. ONLY COMPLETE applications will be accepted and considered for enrollment: preschool@isd191.org. Priority enrollment is given to District 191 students.

We accept applications until all seats are filled.

Registration information for the 2026–2027 will be available in mid-February 2026

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Fun, educational classes, services and special events for you and your child to grow and learn together... Just look inside!



Kindergarten Information Nights

Watch for more information in late January & early February.

Learn more about kindergarten in District 191 at isd191.org/kindergarten.

Four Seasons of Learning...

Our Outdoor Classroom Connects Children with The Natural World Year Round

The outdoor classroom is more than just a play space. Its purpose is to provide children with more connection and experiences with the natural world. Research shows many benefits to learning with nature, including stress reduction, higher concentration skills, improved fitness, increased social interaction, creativity and enhanced overall development.

