

FALL INTO SOME FUN - 2026 SESSION ECFE

Welcome, ECFE Families!

There's something special about fall—the changing leaves, crisp mornings, cozy sweaters, and new opportunities to learn and grow together! We are excited to welcome families back to Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) for another season of playing, learning, and connecting. ECFE is a wonderful opportunity for children and caregivers to play together, learn together, and grow together. Each session is designed with young children in mind, offering hands-on activities that encourage curiosity, creativity, movement, and social-emotional growth.

Young children learn best through play and meaningful interactions with the adults they love. ECFE gives families a chance to slow down, play, explore, and enjoy learning together. Caregivers also have opportunities to connect with other families and share ideas, experiences, and encouragement.

Our fall sessions will be filled with opportunities for children to learn and grow through hands-on play and discovery by using their imaginations to develop important early learning skills. Families can look forward to the following sessions:

- ☐ Mon Sept 28: Buffalo River Pumpkin Patch
- ☐ Mon Oct 5: Flames and Friends: Staying Safe Together
- ☐ Mon Oct 12: Leaves, Breeze and Woodland Wonder
- ☐ Mon Oct 19: Creepy, Crawly, Cool Spiders and Bats
- ☐ Mon Oct 26: Spooktacular Celebration: Costumes, Treats and Giggles
- ☐ Mon Nov 2: No class: Parent Teacher Conferences
- ☐ Mon Nov 9: Learning on the Move: Transportation
- ☐ Mon Nov 16: Little Artists, Big Discoveries: Shapes and Colors
- ☐ Mon Nov 23: Grateful Hearts: Sharing, Caring and Giving Thanks
- ☐ Mon Nov 30: Frosty Friends and Winter Fun!
- ☐ Mon Dec 7: Jolly and Joyful: A Hawley-Day Christmas Celebration

With ECFE, fall is a season of learning & growing. Whether your child is climbing, creating, counting, pretending, singing, or simply discovering, every experience is an opportunity to learn. We can't wait to see your family's smiles, hear your laughter, and watch those little learners grow!

Come play. Come learn. Come grow with us!

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☀ Weekly ECFE Night Sessions ☀

Location: Mrs. Langerud's Kindergarten Classroom!

Please use door 2! (Unless otherwise noted)

Time: Monday Evening 6:00-7:30

🕒 6:00–6:45 PM 🎨 Project Time

Let's get creative! Kids and parents work together with hands-on activities.

📖 6:45–7:00 PM Story Time

Gather around for a magical story moment.

🧩 7:00–7:30 PM Wrap-Up Projects

Put the finishing touches on your creations before it time to head home!

💬 Special Note for Parents:

- ☐ Come ready to play, learn, and connect.
- ☐ All materials provided—just bring your smiles!
- ☐ School-aged siblings are always welcome.

Glimpse into the sessions:



Early Childhood Family Education

Play ♦ Learn ♦ Grow



Monday Sept 28: Buffalo River Pumpkin Patch

Please meet us at the Hawley Elementary School at 5:30 on September 28 to ride on a school bus to the Buffalo River Pumpkin Patch. There will be an additional charge of \$6.00 per person, payable at the Buffalo River Pumpkin Patch. This will include a horse drawn wagon ride, straw maze, petting zoo, one small pumpkin, little monsters game area, and Pumpkin Nook's Educational Building. Please complete the google form to reserve your family's spot for the pumpkin patch. Thanks!

Monday Oct 5: Flames and Friends: Staying Safe Together



This theme will introduce our young children to the basics of fire safety through hands-on learning, imaginative play, and age-appropriate discussions. It's designed to empower children with knowledge while keeping the experience fun and non-threatening. We will start in our classroom before making our way over to the fire station for a short presentation by Firefighter Zac!

Monday October 12:: Leaves, Breezes and Woodland Wonder: Nature in the Fall

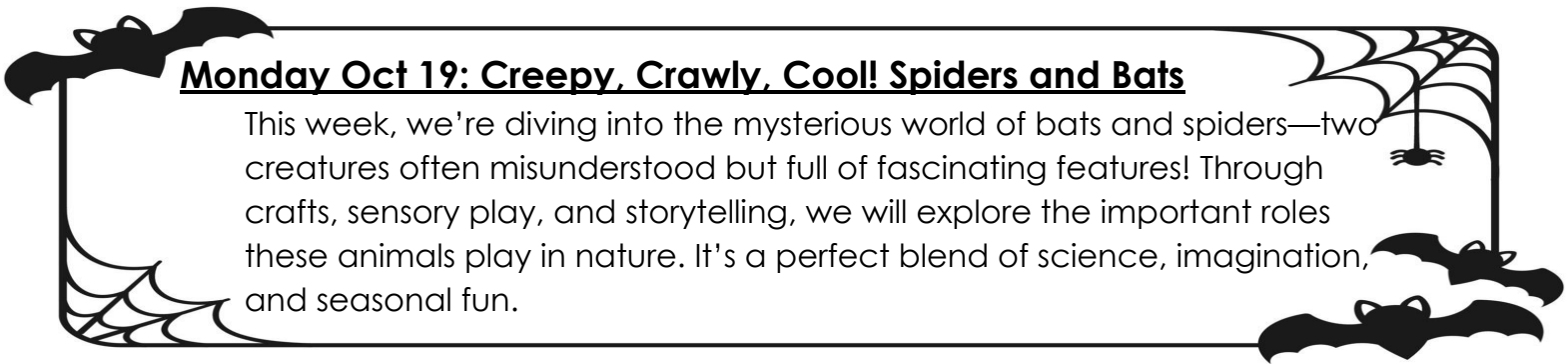
Fall is a great time to explore nature in Minnesota without mosquitoes or humidity! We will start this session at the Prairie Nature Center on the west side of the elementary school. As you complete your nature walk, you can make your way back to the classroom for some fall-time fun! Please be prepared with the appropriate clothing to spend some time exploring the great outdoors.

***Tonight, please meet at the Prairie Nature sign by the high school football field!**



Monday Oct 19: Creepy, Crawly, Cool! Spiders and Bats

This week, we're diving into the mysterious world of bats and spiders—two creatures often misunderstood but full of fascinating features! Through crafts, sensory play, and storytelling, we will explore the important roles these animals play in nature. It's a perfect blend of science, imagination, and seasonal fun.



Monday Oct 26: Spooktacular Celebration: Costumes, Treats and Giggles

This session is sure to be a SPOOK-tacular good time! We will have many great activities to complete as well as some carnival games to participate in! If you would like, we encourage everyone (parents included) to wear Halloween costumes to make the celebration one to remember! Hope to see you there!



Monday Nov 2: NO ECFE Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday Nov 9: Learning on the "Move"

Tonight, families are invited to explore the exciting world of transportation. Children will investigate cars, trucks, trains, airplanes, and other vehicles while building roads, navigating pathways, sorting and matching vehicles, and discovering how things move. We will engage in early STEM skills, problem-solving, and fine and gross motor development while encouraging creativity because learning is always more fun when you're on the move!



Monday November 16: Little Artists, Big Discoveries: Colors and Shapes

This theme invites children to explore the vibrant world of colors and the building blocks of geometry through hands-on activities, movement, and creative expression. It's designed to spark curiosity, strengthen visual recognition, and lay the foundation for early math and art skills.



Monday November 23: Grateful Hearts: Sharing, Caring and Giving Thanks

Friendship Fun!

Share a very special time with your little one during the Thanksgiving season. During this session, we hope to help encourage everyone to appreciate all they have to be thankful for! At the conclusion of our session, we would like everyone to participate in a friendship feast. Therefore, please bring a child-friendly snack in a sandwich size ziploc bag to share with each other! (goldfish, pretzels, marshmallows, cereal, etc) NO PEANUT SNACKS PLEASE. We will be combining all the snacks to create a "Goulash" Friendship snack!



Monday November 30: Frosty Friends and Winter Fun!

This week, we're celebrating the magic of winter with our snowman theme! Children will build snowmen using many different items while learning about cold weather and seasonal changes. Activities will focus on fine motor skills, creativity, and early math concepts. It's a joyful way to embrace winter wonder while building warm classroom memories.



Monday December 7: Jolly and Joyful: A Hawley-Day Christmas Celebration

Come with your child to make special gifts to share this holiday season! We will also have a Christmas celebration together with our ECFE friends. We will play games, sing songs, have a gift exchange, (ECFE will provide gifts for each child) and have a visit from a jolly fellow in a red suit!



THANK YOU!

We look forward to working with your family.