



• **MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS** •

FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Early Learning Department

WINTER 2020

JANUARY



WHERE IT ALL BEGINS...

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We really appreciate all that you guys are doing to make these classes such a high point of our week, especially with Covid. You are awesome!!
"Kimberly"

DATES TO REMEMBER



JAN 4	ECFE Classes begin
FEB 8	Ready for K Online
JAN 18	No Classes
FEB 15	Register for Spring
Mar 12	Last day of classes

ECFE Learning Models and Health Practices 2020-2021

Safety of Students and Staff is our #1 Priority

Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) COVID-19 Preparedness Plan has been developed to outline the health and safety expectations that all schools within our district must follow, including our ECFE programs. A few of the items covered within this plan include:

- All Staff and Caregivers must wear a mask while on-site (masks are not currently required for children under age 5)
- Handwashing protocols
- Social distancing guidance
- Daily health checks and monitoring - those with symptoms stay home
- Cleaning and disinfecting protocols for classrooms and learning materials

Overview of ECFE Learning Models for 2020-2021

The two learning models outlined below represent the potential scenarios that our ECFE program could move in and out of throughout the school year. Our district leadership will be working in collaboration with Blue Earth and Nicollet County Public Health and MN Department of Education to determine which model is the best fit for our community as we move throughout the year. Our intent is for the ECFE program to align our learning model with preschool and elementary programs within the district.

Learning Model #1: Hybrid and In-Person Learning

Within this model, every family will attend ECFE classes according to their original program schedule. We will be limiting enrollment within our classes to 50% classroom capacity. Keeping our participant numbers low will help us to ensure there is enough space to allow for appropriate social distancing. This will also allow for regular, weekly participation by all who register. The health and safety measures laid out within the district COVID Preparedness Plan and shared by the MN Dept. of Health will be followed throughout the session.

- All Staff and Caregivers must wear a mask while on site (masks are not currently required for children under age 5)
- Class attendance will be limited to the enrolled child and one adult caregiver (Please call our office if child care is needed 507-625-4620)
- Social distancing measures and guidance will be in place and followed to the max extent possible
- Full program fees will apply across all learning models - please contact our office if you are interested in learning more about scholarship opportunities

Learning Model #2: Distance Learning (Whole District)

If the program moves to distance learning, we plan to continue offering our ECCE courses through remote learning. Courses will be facilitated through recorded classroom activities for children and shared parent resources delivered through a weekly email. Activity packets will be available for parents to pick up at the FLC to allow for hands-on engagement. In addition, our team is committed to increasing opportunities for parents to stay connected with each other.

- Recorded classroom activities and parent resources will be shared through email
- Routine opportunities will be scheduled for families to engage through facilitated video-conference sessions (e.g., Zoom or Google Meet)
- Activity packets will be available for families to pick-up and complete with their child at home
- Full program fees will apply while participating in the distance learning model - please contact our office if you are interested in learning more about scholarship opportunities

Optional Distance Learning

Many of our core ECCE classes will be offered with a full distance learning option. You will see this noted on the registration page. This model can be selected at the time of registration. You will then participate through a distance model regardless of COVID numbers within our community and the current learning model being implemented within the district (hybrid/in-person or distance learning).

- While the district is offering on site classes in a hybrid or in-person model, distance learners will be given a video conferencing link for synchronous (real-time) participation with our on-site learners
- A video-conference link (e.g., Zoom) will be shared with distance learning families so they can participate with their classmates in real-time during circle time and parent discussion
- Handouts and other information used to facilitate learning and class discussion will be shared by email, along with the meeting link
- Activity packets will be available for families to pick-up and complete with their child at home If the full program were to move to distance learning, all sessions would move to a virtual format as outlined in Model #2: Distance Learning (Whole District)
- Full program fees will apply while participating in the distance learning model - please contact our office if you are interested in learning more about scholarship opportunities



WELCOME!

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

Early Childhood Family Education provides programming and service to families of young children. Parents and caregivers are critical to a young child's development and provide a foundation for young learners' success. Early Childhood Family Education is designed to strengthen and support families through facilitation of parent-child activities by a licensed early childhood teacher, and parent discussion facilitated by a licensed parent educator. A variety of classes and outreach activities are offered for families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with varied topics and interests.



What does a typical ECFE class include?

Parent-Child Activity Time

Families explore a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play and learning activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher. These experiences foster a child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical and language skills.

Parent Education Time

Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences and information about child development and parenting techniques. Research on early brain development, parent-child relationships, child development and guidance techniques are presented in ECFE Classes.

Children's Activity Time

Children learn with the early childhood teacher and paraprofessional, and practice social skills as they interact with one another.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.MANKATOECFE.ORG TO FIND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
Class Offerings & Program Information | Newsletters & Flyers | Preschool Information | Registrations Information

INFANT CLASSES



GREAT START 0-9 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Bring your baby to play in our ECCE classroom! You will

find age appropriate activities to enjoy with your baby, simple ways to encourage your baby's development at home, and meet other parents with whom you can share ideas, concerns, and successes. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Sibling care available. Distance Learning available for each section in this course. We are excited to be able to offer take home learning activities for families enrolled in distance learning sections.

COURSE #: 9100-1

\$45

Mondays, Jan 4- Mar 8

10:30 -11:30 am

FLC RM 104

BUSY BODIES 10-18 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Rolling...Creeping...Crawling...Walking! Share some special time with your "little mover". Get together with other parents with children of a similar age to engage with your little ones, as well as have discussion with other parents. Topics range from child development to finding time for yourself. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Sibling care available. Distance Learning available for each section in this course. We are excited to be able to offer take home learning activities for families enrolled in distance learning sections.

COURSE #: 9120-1

\$45

Mondays, Jan 4- Mar 8

6-7 pm

FLC RM 104

COURSE #: 9120-2

\$45

Tuesdays, Jan 5- Mar 9

9-10 am

FLC RM 104

BABY SIGN 3-18 MONTHS

Non-Separating

As parents, we wonder what is going on inside their little heads as we wait in anticipation for their first words. By teaching your child gestures or signs as well as spoken words, they are more quickly able to understand and communicate with the world around them. Come and learn what sign language is all about. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Distance Learning available for each section in this course. We are excited to be able to offer take home learning activities for families enrolled in distance learning sections.

COURSE #: 9110-1

\$45

Mondays, Jan 4- Mar 8

4:30-5:30 pm

FLC RM 104

WELCOME TO THE WORLD LITTLE ONE!



Congratulations on your new baby and welcome to the Mankato Area Public Schools. We support parents and help you assist your child to grow, learn and thrive during this time. A complimentary gift certificate for your first infant session of classes is available. This gift certificate may also be used for infant Ready for Kindergarten classes.

TODDLER CLASSES

LITTLE WIGGLERS 13-24 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Your one year-old is busy, curious and ready to play!

Together you and your child will play with a variety of toys, use art materials, learn songs and finger plays and enjoy lots of movement. A benefit of this class is that you and your child will remain in the same room together while parent education takes place. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Sibling care available. Distance Learning available for each section in this course. We are excited to be able to offer take home learning activities for families enrolled in distance learning sections.

COURSE #: 9200-1

\$45

Tuesdays, Jan 5- Mar 9

FLC RM 104

6-7 pm

COURSE #: 9200-2

\$45

Thursdays, Jan 7- Mar 11

FLC RM 104

9-10 am

LITTLE EXPLORERS 18-28 MONTHS

Gradual Separating

Toddlers are constantly on the go exploring with energy and wonder. That is their job. Join us in activities that encourage language development, self-help skills, and a variety of sensory activities. Gradually, as the class allows, parents will move on to the parenting room. As a parent, you will gain knowledge and support from a licensed parent educator and other parents during discussion time. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Sibling care available. Distance Learning available for each section in this course. We are excited to be able to offer take home learning activities for families enrolled in distance learning sections.

COURSE #: 9230

\$45

Wednesdays, Jan 6- Mar 10

FLC RM 104

10:30 am- 11:30 am

MUSIC, MOVEMENT & BOOKS 13-28 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Come and enjoy music, movement and books with your toddler! This class provides a time for parents to participate in music, movement, and book activities with their child. During this class, we will use songs, books, and larger motor skills to help foster literacy development, active learning, and physical health. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Distance Learning available for each section in this course. We are excited to be able to offer take home learning activities for families enrolled in distance learning sections.

COURSE #: 9210

\$45

Fridays, Jan 8- Mar 12

FLC RM 104

9 -10 am

ONLINE PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUP

Online

Come join us for a 10-week journey exploring what is vital to a strong foundation of parenting! Topics will focus on attachment, brain development, social emotional learning, and parenting philosophy and goals. This online discussion will be lead by a licensed parent educator by sharing videos, information, and posting discussion questions. Parents can participate and respond to the discussion questions throughout the week as it fits their schedules. A biweekly chat will also be held for those who are able to participate every other Wednesday evening, but not required. Participants will receive more details on how to participate a week before the session will begin.

COURSE #9000

FREE

Wednesdays, Jan 6- Mar 10

Online



2 & 3 / MULTI-AGE CLASSES

2-3 YEAR OLDS

Separating

Being a two or three year old is a very unique time in your child's life. Language development is emerging, social skills are developing and physical and cognitive changes occur rapidly. The class will have parent/child interaction time followed by a parent only discussion time lead by a Parent Educator. Children remain in the classroom to experience learning activities, such as sensory exploration, dramatic play, large and small muscle experiences, in addition to storytelling, music and other literacy-rich activities under the guidance of an Early Childhood Teacher. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting. Distance Learning available for each section in this course. We are excited to be able to offer take home learning activities for families enrolled in distance learning sections.

COURSE #: 9401-1 **\$45**
Mondays, Jan 4- Mar 8
9-10 am FLC RM 103

COURSE #: 9401-2 **\$45**
Mondays, Jan 4- Mar 8
10:30-11:30 am FLC RM 103

COURSE #: 9401-3 **\$45**
Mondays, Jan 4- Mar 8
6-7 pm FLC RM 103

COURSE #: 9401-4 **\$45**
Tuesdays, Jan 5- Mar 9
10:30-11:30 am FLC RM 103

COURSE #: 9401-5 **\$45**
Tuesdays, Jan 5 - Mar 9
6-7 pm FLC RM 103

COURSE #: 9401-6 **\$45**
Wednesdays, Jan 6- Mar 10
8:30-9:30 am FLC RM 103

STEM CLASS 3-5YRS

Non-Separating

Help your child explore the world using their senses. Join us as we explore, investigate, calculate, & experiment with hands-on math and science concepts. Learn with your child how fun, easy, and important it is to incorporate math and science into your everyday life. This is a non-separating class taught by an Early Childhood Teacher. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting.

COURSE #: 9009 **\$45**
Mondays, Jan 4- Mar 8
6- 7 pm FLC RM 106

MESSY ART 2-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

"Paint, chalk, flour, oatmeal, glue, glitter, hands and feet..." What do all these items have in common? These are just a few tools we will use to "mess around" in our class. There will be time for parents to understand and be prepared for the planned activities prior to actively participating in the class with their child. So, come prepared to explore, create, and have fun! Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting.

COURSE #: 9008 **\$45**
Friday, Jan 8- Mar 12
10:30 -11:30 am FLC RM 103

BOOKS AND BEYOND 2-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

Dive into the world of imagination with your child through books. In this 1 ½ hour non-separating class you and your child will experience art, math, science, music, and nutritional activities that will correspond with the books you'll be reading. Sibling care available. Parenting tips will be shared. Outdoor experiences will be provided weather permitting.

COURSE #: 9007-1 **\$45**
Thursdays, Jan 7- Mar 11
10:30-11:30 am FLC RM 103



READY! FOR KINDERGARTEN

READY! for Kindergarten

READY! For Kindergarten is a program of Mankato Area Public Schools'

Early Childhood Family Education Department

What is Ready!? Ready! For Kindergarten provides workshops and take home materials and tools to inspire and empower parents and caregivers to help babies and young children develop strong brain connections that determine how they will think, learn, and grow. Parents and caregivers attend a series of workshops each year, based on their child's age. They learn new skills and helpful tips to nurture development in ways that foster academic skills and personal behaviors to boost children's motivation, perseverance and engagement in learning. Ready! facilitates interactions and active learning by using movement, play, exploration, communication and all of the child's senses- seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, and tasting.

How often do classes meet? READY! for Kindergarten is a series of three parent classes per year (fall, winter and spring) for parents of children aged birth to five. Register for each age group separately.

Who can attend? The parents/grandparents/guardians/care providers of children aged birth to five.

What is the class fee? Fee is charged on a sliding fee scale (\$40,\$30,\$20). Fee includes learning toys for each class.

Registrations are taken at the Early Learning office located at the Family Learning Center. or Register online at www.mankatoecfe.org - Click on mankato.ce.eleyo.com

WINTER READY! FOR KINDERGARTEN WILL BE AN ONLINE CLASS.

Materials can be picked up at the Family Learning Center, located at 820 Hubbell Ave, Mankato. Pick up date is Feb 8, 7:30 am – 3:00 pm.

The online presentation will be available to view anytime Feb 8 - Feb 19

CAREFULLY CHOOSE THE CLASS SECTION BASED ON THE YEAR YOUR CHILD WILL ENTER KINDERGARTEN

Birth- 1: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2025

Age 1-2: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2024

Age 2-3: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2023

Age 3-4: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2022

Age 4-5: if your child enters
Kindergarten in 2021

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Best to be screened at age 3
Required before
Kindergarten Registration



**Call Central
Registration
507-387-2125
To make an
appointment
for a FREE Early
Childhood
Screening**

Early Childhood Screening is a comprehensive developmental screening for children 3-5 years old.

The purpose of Early Childhood Screening is to...

- * Increase parent understanding of child's health, development and school readiness
- * Identify conditions and risk factors that may affect a child's ability to learn and develop, make referrals for further assessment
- * Link families to parenting resources and preventive health care

A Parent Should Schedule an Early Childhood Screening because....

- * It identifies, at an early age, any hearing, vision, growth or development needs.
- * It gives the parent valuable information about their child, information about school readiness and community resources.
- * It is required by the state of Minnesota before entrance into public school kindergarten.

Earlier is better! The screening changes with the age of your child, so there is no reason to wait.

Is your child 3 or older?
Call 507-387-2125 to schedule a screening appointment.

Screenings are done at the Family Learning Center, 820 Hubbell Ave, Mankato

HOME VISITING

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Our Early Childhood Family Education Home Visit program is designed to provide individual support to expectant parents and parents of children ages 0–5. Home visits are conducted by a licensed parent educator to help support parents in their role as the first and most important teacher of their child. Parents will gain an understanding of child development and age appropriate behaviors, and receive support with other parenting joys and challenges. For questions and to schedule an appointment with a home visitor, call the Early Learning Department at (507) 625-4620.

WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM ECFE HOME VISITS

- Families without access to reliable transportation
- Families with children and/or parents having special medical, physical, or developmental concerns
- Families referred by other programs
- Pregnant mothers
- First-time parents
- Families who would benefit from individual support
- Families experiencing trauma or stressful family situations

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM OUR HOME VISIT PROGRAM

- Make connections with other community resources
- Problem solve any questions about family and parenting
- Learn about child development
 - Discuss current parenting and family issues based on individual family needs
- Learn ideas and activities that are age-appropriate for a child
- A safe, confidential, environment to share and discuss personal issues related to parenting
- Gain support in the journey of becoming a child's first and most important teacher



HELP ME GROW

<http://helpmegrowmn.org>

WHAT IS HELP ME GROW?

- Help Me Grow provides resources for families to understand developmental milestones and learn if there are concerns. This helps families take the lead in seeking additional support, or referring their child for a comprehensive, confidential screening or evaluation at no cost.
- Help Me Grow is an inter-agency initiative of the State of Minnesota Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Human Services. We partner with all local service agencies.

What do you need to know to help a young child develop, learn and grow?

- Developmental Milestones -Learn more about how a child develops from birth to five.
- Encouraging Healthy Development- Find ideas on how to support a child's development, healthy learning and growth.
- Get Help for a Child- Learn what to do if you have concerns about a child's development.
- Articles- Explore in-depth information on birth to five child development and growth and early intervention.

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MORE FOR FAMILIES!



Adult Enrichment Come and be a lifelong learner! Our classes for adults range from health & personal awareness, creative you, cooking, technology & many more. These classes give you something new you would like to explore to refining a skill that you forgot about.

- *Arts & Crafts
- *Pottery
- *Photography
- *Sewing
- *Horse Riding
- *Dancing
- *Spanish
- *Cooking

Youth Enrichment/Recreation

Come and stay engaged through out the school year with all sorts of fun while learning. We have great classes for all ages.

- * Archery
- *Home Alone
- * Volleyball
- *Chess
- *Prairie Fire Theatre
- *Special Events
- *Legos

Visit www.mankatocer.com for all our offerings or call 507-387-5501 for more information.



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MANKATO COMMUNITY EDUCATION & RECREATION

PARENT INFORMATION

Family Learning Center (FLC)
820 Hubbell Ave, Mankato
Registration for Early Learning
or Program Questions:
507-625-4620
www.mankatoecfe.org

Other Location Addresses are:
Early Childhood Center
2077 Lookout Dr, North Mankato
Eagle Lake Elementary
500 LeSueur Ave, Eagle Lake
Rosa Parks Elementary
1001 Heron Dr, Mankato
Kennedy Elementary
2600 E Main Street, Mankato
Franklin Elementary
1000 North Broad Street, Mankato



Weather Cancellations

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY
EDUCATION PARENT/CHILD
CLASSES:**

On days when MAPS K-12 students are released early or school is closed for the day due to severe weather conditions, Early Childhood Family Education classes will be cancelled.

When MAPS K-12 starts two hours late due to weather, ECFE classes that start at 10:30 will still be held.

If school is released on schedule and there is a threat of severe weather, the Early Learning Department will make a decision whether to hold evening class or to cancel. Weather related announcements will be made available to you.

Weather Related Announcements:
Weather related announcements can be heard on radio Z99.1, KYSM 103.5, KRBI 105.5 FM and KTOE 1420 AM T.V. Station KEYC-TV, **District Hotline 386-4777** and follow us on Facebook at MANKATO: ECFE.



WINTER 2020-21 REGISTRATION

Registration will begin November 9, 2020

To register, go to mankato.ce.eleyo.com, use the drop down box to find ECFE. If you are unable to register online, you may call our office at the Family Learning Center (507) 625-4620.

**Winter Semester:
Jan 4- Mar 12
(No Classes Jan 18)**

Fees are payable by cash, check or credit card. Registrant wishing to withdraw their registration must do so no later than one week prior to the course start date. No refunds will be given if withdraw is made less than one week prior. Scholarships for parent/child classes in the form of a reduced fee or waived fee are available for families in need of financial assistance (one per family).

Please bring a copy of your child's immunization records to the first class. If your child has not been immunized, we will need you to submit a signed exempt form to the Early Learning office.

Sibling care is available for most parent/child classes. Please look at a section that offers sibling care if you require this service. You will register and pay for sibling care at the same time you register for your parent/child class. Fees per semester are \$25 for the first child and \$12 for the each additional child. In addition, we ask that you provide one healthy snack item per term. Drop-in sibling care may be available if the staff-to-child ratio remains safe. Fees are \$4 for the first child and \$2 for each additional child. You must call 48 hours in advance to request drop in care.

You are welcome to visit your child in sibling care at any time.



WINTER 2020-21 REGISTRATION FORM

Register online or by mail. Online Registration at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com Mail to: 820 Hubbell Ave, Mankato, MN 56001 Family Learning Center. (Please use one form per child. Additional forms are available at the Family Learning Center office)

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Child's Full Name

Date of Birth

Male

Female

(First, Middle and Last Name) Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone (Home):

(Work):

(Cell):

Email (Print Clearly):

Additional Siblings in the family:

Name:

Date of Birth

Male

Female

Name:

Date of Birth

Male

Female

Registration Information:

Class Title

Class #

Days

Class Meets

Class Fee

Sibling Care Fee

Sub Total

Total:

If sibling care is needed, you must register your child(ren) (Not all classes offer sibling care, make sure to check the class description.)

Name:

Birthdate:

Class #:

Name:

Birthdate:

Class #:

We are residents of ISD 77 School district or have already been accepted as an open enrolled family into this school district.

Circle: Yes Or No

Are you New to ECCE ? Circle Yes Or No

How did you find out about ECCE ?

Payment Information:

Card Number:

Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Circle: Master Card

Visa

Check: Checks Payable to Mankato EFCE

Check #:

Cash: (DO NOT MAIL CASH)

For more Class Information please call 507-625-4620