

Fall
2018



St. Louis Park Community Education

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

Social-Emotional Skills Set Your Child Up for Success

Research indicates that children who are socially and emotionally healthy tend to be happier, show greater motivation to learn, embrace school life, and are more likely to participate and do well in school both academically and socially. The experts at St. Louis Park Early Learning Programs know how to help your child build social and emotional skills. They follow the Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress, which recognizes that in the early years, children are developing social and emotional skills that will guide their behavior, affect their overall mental health, and impact their ability to succeed academically as they move on to later schooling. We use the Second Steps Social-Emotional Learning Program endorsed by the Minnesota Department of Education and aligned with St. Louis Park Public Schools' kindergarten standards.

We recommend these best practices to help your child establish trusting relationships by:

- Showing warmth and affection consistently.
- Listening with full attention and reflecting back what your child says.
- Relating emotionally to your child's feelings.
- Giving your child individual and quality one-on-one time during activities.



We know kindergarten readiness is more than knowing ABCs and 123s. We teach children self-regulation and social-emotional skills such as:

- Listening and focusing attention.
- Using self-talk and being assertive.
- Identifying one's own and others' feelings.
- Showing care and concern for others.
- Making and keeping friends.
- Identifying strong feelings.
- Calming down and using problem-solving steps.

Prepare your child for success in kindergarten and beyond by enrolling in a St. Louis Park Early Learning Program. Browse this catalog to find the option that best fits your family today!



St. Louis Park Public Schools Foundation Supports Early Learning with Grants

The following projects for the 2018-19 school year have been funded, thanks to the generosity of the St. Louis Park Public Schools Foundation and its donors:

- Budding Scientists: Early Learning Science Discovery Kits (\$4,860)
- Promoting Literacy for Children Entering Kindergarten (\$2,250)
- Looking Before You Leap: How Early Learning Can Support a Successful Transition to Kindergarten (\$4,000)

The funds will be used to help our teachers give students hands-on STEM experiences, books that promote pre-k literacy skills, and to focus on enhancing the alignment to kindergarten.

Contact Us

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St. Louis Park, MN 55416
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Early Learning Programs: 952-928-6785

Kids Place Child Care: 952-928-6764



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See page 7 for upcoming ECFE Special Events!

WHAT IS ECFE?

- An Early Childhood Family Education program of the St. Louis Park Public Schools.
- Children from birth to kindergarten learn through play and interaction and parents participate in a discussion group.
- On-site sibling childcare is offered during ECFE class time for an additional fee.

OUR STAFF

- Licensed Early Childhood teachers
- Experienced classroom assistants
- Licensed Parent Educators

OUR PROGRAMS

- Non-Separating Classes: Parent discussion takes place in the same classroom as the children.
- Separating Classes: Parent discussion takes place in a different classroom during part of the class.
- Home Visiting Program: Individual visits tailored to your family's needs. Call 952.928.6763 to schedule a visit.

ECFE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parent volunteers sponsor family events, raise funds for scholarships, and advise the program manager on program and budget issues. Meetings are the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. All are welcome. Free childcare during meetings. Contact Mary Juberian, 952.928.6778, juberian.mary@slpschools.org for more information. Join us at www.facebook.com/st.louisparkECFE

CONTACT A PARENT EDUCATOR

If you would like to discuss any parenting concerns or questions, please call Marjean at 952-928-6763 to set up a personal phone call with a parent educator.

SEE ECFE IN ACTION

To see ECFE in action, watch our video at www.slpcommunityed.com/videos

Mini Saturday Infant Class

Enjoy a taste of ECFE with this 3-week class! Share the joys and concerns of parenthood with other parents and a parent educator. Topics include adjusting to life with baby, sleep, and nutrition, as well as topics generated by the class. Learn simple songs, activities, and ways to play with babies as they develop.

0-12 mos.	Saturdays	Sept. 8-22	9:30-11 a.m.	\$40	E540
12-24 mos.	Saturdays	Oct. 13, 20 & Nov. 3	9:30-11 a.m.	\$40	E541

Enter from 35th St. & Wooddale Ave., entrance #7 – Central Clinic.

Been There Done That?

Check out Separating class E305. This class will use book excerpts as a springboard for discussion.

Imagination Exploration for 2-4 year olds

Check out Non-Separating classes E320 and E321. This class focuses on STEM with fun, imaginative, and developmentally appropriate activities for parents and children. Come prepared for a good time as you explore the world together through science, music, art, and building projects!

NEW! Parents Only Class

Is your child in preschool or early elementary school and you miss ECFE? This class is a parenting only option for parents of children ages 3-6. Meet one Thursday a month to discuss challenges along with topics of interest. Sib care available.

Thursdays	Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 20 Jan. 17	9:30-11 a.m.	\$67/\$37/\$17 (see Sliding Fee Scale)	E307
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Welcome to our Newest Learners

Come celebrate in our ECFE classroom. Meet our infant teacher and other new parents, and babies. Experience the joy of ECFE and receive a free gift and discount coupon for your first ECFE infant class. Please enter door #7 on the 35th Street side of the building. FREE but you must register.

0-12 months	Saturday	Sept. 22	11 a.m.–noon	EBS101
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Sibling Care

On-site sibling care is provided during ECFE class time. Remember that you must register for sibling care when you register for ECFE classes. Fee is for the entire 15-week session.

Sliding Fee Scale for Separating Sib-Care	
Over \$50,000	\$135
\$35,000 - \$49,000	\$57
Under \$34,999	\$25

Sliding Fee Scale for Non-Separating Sib-Care	
Over \$50,000	\$101
\$35,000 - \$49,000	\$49
Under \$34,999	\$17

ECFE Classes Registration Information

Classes begin the week of September 10, 2018 and end the week of January 14, 2019.
 No ECFE classes Friday, December 7, 2018. No classes the weeks of October 15,
 November 19 and December 24, 2018 – January 4, 2019.

Separating Classes

Parents and children enjoy playing and learning together in an early childhood classroom. Curriculum focuses on preschool readiness, language and literacy, social and emotional development and gross motor skills. The parent discussion takes place in a separate room. Figure your child's age by counting how many months old they are on Sept. 1, 2018. For these classes, enter Central Community Center from the east parking lot. Use door #21. Babies 0-6 months may stay in class with parents.

25-36 mos.	Mondays	9:30-11:30 a.m.	E301
25-36 mos.	Tuesdays	9:30-11:30 a.m.	E302
25-36 mos.	Thursdays	9:30-11:30 a.m.	E303
25-36 mos.	Fridays	9:30-11:30 a.m.	E304
36-48 mos.	Wednesdays	9:30-11:30 a.m.	E305*
30-60 mos.	Fridays	9:30-11:30 a.m.	E306
24-36 mos.	Tuesdays	6-7:30 p.m.	E322

Household Income	Fee
Over \$50,000	\$271
\$35,000 - \$49,000	\$111
Under \$34,999	\$50

**This class will use book excerpts as a springboard for discussion.*

Non-Separating Classes

Non-Separating ECFE Classes for parents with infants and toddlers. Parents stay with their children during discussion. Figure your child's age by counting how many months old they are on Sept. 1, 2018. For these classes, enter Central Community Center from 35th St. Door #7. The ECFE room is located next to Central Clinic. Babies 0-6 months may stay in class with parents.

0-6 mos.	Tuesdays	11:30-1 p.m.	E308
0-12 mos.	Mondays	11:30-1 p.m.	E309
0-12 mos.	Wednesdays	6:00-7:30 p.m.	E310
0-12 mos.	Thursdays	11:30-1 p.m.	E311
7-12 mos.	Wednesdays	11:30-1 p.m.	E312
12-24 mos.	Mondays	9:30-11 a.m.	E313
12-24 mos.	Tuesdays	9:30-11 a.m.	E314
12-24 mos.	Wednesdays	9:30-11 a.m.	E315
12-24 mos.	Wednesdays	4:00-5:30 p.m.	E316
12-24 mos.	Thursdays	9:30-11 a.m.	E317
20-29 mos.	Fridays	9:30-11 a.m.	E318
20-27 mos.	Fridays	9:30-11 a.m.	E319
2-4 yrs.	Mondays	4:00-5:30 p.m.	E320
2-4 yrs.	Mondays	6:00-7:30 p.m.	E321

Household Income	Fee
Over \$50,000	\$201
\$35,000 - \$49,000	\$95
Under \$34,999	\$34



Class fees for out-of-district students: please add \$40.

EARLY LEARNING PRESCHOOL

Looking for a great preschool for fall 2018? Looking for the best preschool for your child to discover & learn?

Here's why to choose St. Louis Park Early Learning Preschool:

- Professional, highly qualified and nurturing educators.
- We are the only preschool that is part of the St. Louis Park Public Schools system.
- Classes received the highest Parent Aware rating from the Minnesota Department of Education.
- Flexible schedule.
- Big Day for PreK research-based curriculum.
- We are a diverse community of learners, with integrated classrooms, just like the larger St. Louis Park community.
- The program is aligned with the St. Louis Park Public Schools kindergarten program to ensure a smooth transition.

Tours are available! If you would like to schedule a tour or get more information about the programs, email Heidi Middleton at middleton.heidi@slpschools.org or call her at 952.928.6785 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

For full day preschool, see Kids Place on page 6.

Learn English while your child attends preschool.
Call 952-988-5343.

How Do I Choose?

- Find your child's age as of 9/1/2018.
- Find the time/days that work best for your child and your family. For full day preschool, see Kids Place on page 6.
- How Do I Register?

Online: at slpcommunityed.com or

Mail or in person: Central Community Center
6300 Walker Street
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

A \$60 non-refundable registration fee is required to enroll. Fees support our Early Learning Preschool programs. Automatic monthly payment required.

Preschool Tuition Assistance

Income eligibility chart based on family income. There are limited funds available. Note: Scale subject to 2018 adjustments.

Household Size	Annual Family Income (95% Discount)	Annual Family Income (70% Discount)
2	\$20,826	\$29,637
3	\$26,208	\$37,296
4	\$31,590	\$44,955
5	\$36,924	\$52,614
6	\$42,354	\$60,273
For each additional family member add:	\$5,408	\$7,696

Questions?

Call Heidi at Central Community Center: 952-928-6785.

Classes meet at:

Central Community Center
6300 Walker Street
St. Louis Park



Registration Information

Classes begin the week of September 10, 2018 and end the week of May 27, 2019.

Early Learning Preschool for Fall 2018 Three-Year Olds (33-47 mo.)



MORNING CLASSES

Days	#Days/week	Time	Monthly Fee	Class
M/W/F	3 days	9:15-11:45 a.m.	\$229 per month	EL3-1
W T/TH	2 days	9:15-11:45 a.m.	\$155 per month	EL3-2
W M/W	2 days	9:15-11:45 a.m.	\$155 per month	EL3-3
T/TH/F	3 days	9:15-11:45 a.m.	\$229 per month	EL3-4
W M-TH	4 days	9-11:30 a.m.	\$309 per month	EL3-5
M/T/W	3 days	9-11:30 a.m.	\$229 per month	EL3-6
W T/W/TH	3 days	9-11:30 a.m.	\$229 per month	EL3-7

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Days	#Days/week	Time	Monthly Fee	Class
M-TH	4 days	12:25-2:55 p.m.	\$309 per month	EL3-10
M/W	2 days	12:25-2:55 p.m.	\$155 per month	EL3-11
T/TH	2 days	12:25-2:55 p.m.	\$155 per month	EL3-12

Early Learning Preschool for Fall 2018 Four-Year Olds (48 mo.-5 years)



MORNING CLASSES

Days	#Days/week	Time	Monthly Fee	Class
M-TH	4 days	9-11:30 a.m.	\$309 per month	EL4-1
W M/T/W	3 days	9-11:30 a.m.	\$229 per month	EL4-2
W M-F	5 days	9-11:30 a.m.	\$389 per month	EL4-3

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Days	#Days/week	Time	Monthly Fee	Class
M-TH	4 days	12:25-2:55 p.m.	\$309 per month	EL4-10

W = CLASS IS WAITLISTED

To inquire about waitlisted classes, contact Heidi Middleton at middleton.heidi@slpschools.org or call 952-928-6785 to check on possible openings.

KIDS PLACE PRESCHOOL

Kids Place provides exceptional child care options for working families. As part of St. Louis Park Public Schools, we share the district's commitment to ensure all students are provided safe, nurturing environments in which to learn and grow.

This high quality, full-day preschool program offers extended hours to accommodate the needs of working parents.

- Ages 33 months-5 years.
- Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m., year-round
- Proven effective kindergarten readiness curriculum provides instruction through play in all learning domains:
 - social emotional development
 - science
 - social studies
 - fine arts and music
 - physical development
 - oral language and vocabulary
 - emergent reading
 - emergent writing
 - mathematics

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OPTIONS

Central:

Choose 2-5 full days/week
(between 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Lenox:

Choose 2-5 full days/week
(between 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Choose 2-5 full days/week
(between 9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

REGISTER ONLINE

www.slpcommunityed.com/child-care
or call the Kids Place Main Office at
952.928.6764.



Kids Place Preschool Registration Information

New preschool
room opening
fall 2018 at
Lenox.

REGISTRATION YEAR ROUND!

PRESCHOOL DAILY RATES: 2018-2019			
Location	#Days/week	Time	Cost/Day
Central & Lenox	5 days/week	6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	\$54.50/day
Central & Lenox	2-4 days/week	6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	\$59.50/day
Lenox	5 days/week	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	\$41/day
Lenox	2-4 days/week	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	\$45/day

Fee assistance is available for those who qualify through a Hennepin County Child Care Assistance program. Call 612-348-5937 for more information.



Two's Company

For children 2-3 years old. (Must be 24 months by Sept.1, 2018.) Curriculum focuses on preschool readiness, language and literacy, social and emotional development, fine and gross motor skills. This non-separating parent-child class is taught by licensed teachers. Classes are held at Central Community Center, beginning the week of Oct. 1, 2018 through May 24, 2019. Free sibling care provided. For information call: 952-928-6749.

Fee: \$198

Mondays 9-10:30 a.m. TC1-2018

Tuesdays 9-10:30 a.m. TC2-2018



Early Childhood Screening



Early Learning Services conducts screenings for St. Louis Park children to help identify those who may benefit from early childhood services before they enter school, and connects them with the appropriate resources and programs.

- This free service is required by the State of Minnesota.
- The ideal age is 3 ½ - 4.
- Screening includes a vision, hearing, and developmental assessment, as well as an opportunity to discuss any family circumstance that you feel may affect your child's learning readiness.
- Screenings are conducted at Central Clinic (enter from 35th St. & Wooddale Ave., entrance #7 – Central Clinic). Appointments required.

To register online go to www.slpcommunityed.com, choose Birth to Five category and next choose Early Childhood Screening or call 952-928-6774 .

HUG One-To-One Visits

One-to-one visits are offered with no fee to support all expectant families and families with children up to two years old.

- One-to-one visits with a caring, knowledgeable MN licensed parent educator.
- Current information on parenting, infant development, and community resources.
- A Welcome New Baby gift.
- Opportunities to connect with other families with newborns in the area and more!

One-to one visits are offered through a partnership with Helping Us Grow (HUG). For information or to arrange a visit, please call 952-928-6763 or go online at www.slpcommunityed.com.

ECFE FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

Vehicle Fair

All families with young children are welcome! The ECFE Advisory Council invites your family to the annual, always popular Vehicle Fair! Come see a fire truck, police car, construction vehicles and many more. Enjoy a fall craft activity as well. No preregistration required. Free—donation to support ECFE scholarships accepted.

Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Central Community Center east parking lot
Free

Fall Ball

A dance party & more! For ages birth-5 and their families too. Wear a fancy dress or a costume. A light dinner is included. Sponsored by the Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Council.

Proceeds benefit tuition assistance program.

Friday, November 9 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Central Cafeteria

\$5 per person or \$20 per family (pay at door)





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Our Teachers are Learners, Too!



St. Louis Park Early Learning teachers are required to participate in ongoing professional development. Our staff is committed to ongoing learning in order to stay informed of best practices that help your child learn, grow, and prepare for kindergarten. As part of St. Louis Park Public Schools, we share the District's mission to '...offer high quality opportunities for lifelong learning; provide multiple pathways to excellence; challenge all learners to meet high standards; and provide a safe and nurturing environment that energizes and enhances the spirit.'



Teacher Spotlight:

Britt Albrecht, Early Childhood Family Education & Early Childhood Special Education teacher

Britt realized from a young age that she enjoyed helping and interacting with young children. She and her identical twin, Jenny, were the oldest grandchildren among their 35 cousins. Together, they helped and organized play activities for the younger children. Britt knew then she wanted to make this her career. Britt earned her teaching license and MA degree in Early Childhood Special Education and has served as an Early Childhood Preschool teacher in St. Louis Park Public Schools for over 17 years. Britt says, "I am blessed to come to work each and every day to be with the children and my peers. Preschoolers love being here and it's exciting to watch their individual spark grow."



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