

Early Childhood Family Education

Spring 2010

Let's Explore.....

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Got cabin fever? Call ECFE 847-5868 to register for Explore Days! It's guaranteed to have you and your child smiling!

ECFE Mini-session

Tuesdays January 12, 19, 26 2/2/10

Section I 9:00-10:00 a.m. OR

Section II 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost \$12.00 for 4 classes

Week 1: Memory Making

Week 2: Scientist in the kitchen

Week 3: Young Artist

Week 4: Birthday Parties



Got Cabin Fever?
Come to Explore Days

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Discovery Place Pre-school begins January 4, 2010
- Kindergarten Connection January 21, 28 and Feb 4, 2010
- Early Childhood Screening makeup day January 7, 2010
- ECFE Classes start Tuesday Feb. 16, 2010

DO WE HAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER? NEW ADDRESS?

Minnesota public schools are required by law to take an annual count of the preschool children living in the school district. To facilitate this Jackson County Central School District # 2895 is asking new families in the district and families with new babies to pro-

vide the school with information about your family for the census. Please contact the school at 507-847-5868 to add your child (ren) to the JCC Census. This count is important because it helps determine funding for programs in our school district.



School Closings: If inclement weather forces JCC Schools to close, or dismiss early, one of the following announcements will be made. Weather related announcements can be heard on:

- KKOJ-11.90 am
- KWOA-95.2 FM
- KFMC-106.5 FM
- KDOM-94.3 FM
- KICD-107.7 FM
- KUOO -103.9 FM
- KRAQ-105.7 FM

You can also stay informed by watching WCCO, KSTP, KARE and KFSY.

SPRING 2009 ECFE & DISCOVERY PLACE PRESCHOOL

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	DP 3's 9:00-11:00	2's & 3's 24-48 months 9:00-10:30	DP 3's 9:00-11:00	Babies & More 0-24 10:00-11:00	Family Class 2-5 yrs 9:00-10:30
Afternoon	DP 4's & 5's 12:30-3:00		DP 4's & 5's 12:30-3:00		DP 4's & 5's 12:30-3:00
Evening	Babies & More 0-24 months 5:30-6:30	Family Class 2-5 Yrs 6:00-7:30	Family Class 2's & 3's 24-48 months 4:30-6:00	Family Class 2-5 yrs 5:30-7:00	ECFE Classes begin Feb 16, 2010 and end April 30, 2010

WHAT IS ECFE-Early Childhood Family Education?

Recognizing that parents are a child's first and most significant teachers, ECFE offers a variety of classes and resources for parents and children birth through kindergarten age. ECFE helps build healthy families and sets the stage for parent involvement and children's success in Kindergarten to Grade 12 education.

What is a typical ECFE class include? Most ECFE classes meet on once a week and include:

Parent-Child Activity Time where families explore classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play and learning activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher.

Parent Discussion Time where parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences and information about child

development and parenting techniques.

Children's Activity Time

where children learn with the licensed early childhood teacher and paraprofessional and practice social skills as they interact with each other.

What are the benefits of ECFE?

ECFE works to strengthen families and engage the ability of all parents to provide the best possible environment for the healthy development of their children. Parents participate in educational activities with their children, and support each other by sharing their success and challenges.

Research on early brain development, parent-child relationships, child development and guidance techniques are presented as practical information for parents.

Early Childhood Screening

A free Early Childhood Screening program will be held January 7, 2010 for children who were 3 years old by September 1, 2009 and live in the Jackson County Central school district. Screening provides an opportunity to detect early problems that may interfere with learning once a child begins school. All children **MUST** be screened before Kindergarten entrance.

To make an appointment, please call Holly or Anita at 507-847-5868 by January 4, 2010. Screening will take place at the Early Childhood Family Education classroom, located in the lower level of Riverside Elementary school in Jackson.



DISCOVERY PLACE PRESCHOOL

Registration packets for next year's Discovery Place Preschool will be mailed to eligible families in March. Registration are **due April 4, 2010** with a \$10.00 fee to hold your space. Please remember to register early. Classes due fill quickly.

Priority is given to a child not enrolled in another preschool to assure that all children have a

chance to attend preschool. Children on waiting lists are prioritized by greatest need.

In order to attend Discovery Place Preschool you and your child are required to enroll in and attend a weekly Early Childhood Family Education class.

Why Involve Parents in Discovery Place?

Parents are the best advocates for their children. At Discovery Place, parents are considered full partners in their child's development and learning. Research shows that early childhood programs involving both parents and children are more effective than programs that focus exclusively on the child. Children whose parents create a home environment that encourages learning and who are involved in their children's education are more successful in school.

3 Year Olds

Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2010

Mon. & Wed. 9:00-11:00 a.m.

ECFE Classes (choose one)

Tuesday 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m.

4 and 5 Year Olds

Children must be 4 years old by September 1, 2010

Mon-Wed-Friday 12:30-3:00 pm

ECFE Classes (choose one)

Tuesday 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00-10:30 a.m.

The good life is inspired by love and guided by knowledge.....Bertrand Russell

New Baby?

In January, eligible families will receive a coupon in the mail good for a **FREE** 10-week session of baby class at ECFE. Class starts February 18, 2010.

Baby class is held Monday 5:30-6:30 p.m. OR Thursday 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Please call 507-847-5868 to register for class.

Meeting once a week in the ECFE classroom, parents will discuss many topics of interest such as stages of development and ways to provide stimulation for infants. Parents will have the opportunity to share concerns and feelings with other parents in an informal atmosphere with support and humor!

The first 10 week session of baby class is **FREE** to new parents!



Early Childhood Family Education-ECFE

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00-3:00
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Parenting website
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SPECIAL EVENTS:

March 12, 6:30 p.m. Dad's Night
April 23, 6:30 p.m. Grandparents Night
May 20, 5:00-7:00 Vehicle Rally at the
Family Fun Fair (Resource Center)



KINDERGARTEN CONNECTION.....

If your child is eligible to attend Kindergarten next fall you'll want to attend our 3-week Kindergarten Connection Class. This class includes a variety of readiness activities to help you and your child prepare for the transition to Kindergarten.

Special highlights of the class include a visit from a Kindergarten teacher and a ride on the school bus. Parent discussion will focus on readiness, routines and helping children transition. Morning and evening classes are available. The cost for this class is \$15.00. Sibling care is available for children under the age of 6 for a cost of \$5.00 for 3 weeks.

Parent discussion topics include:

- **School and your child's self esteem**-Parents wonder if their child will be able to make new friends. We'll explore way to help parents and children feel good about this new experience in the lives.
- **Preparing your child for learning**-listening skills, attention spans, reading readiness. Social and group skills.
- **What is school readiness?** Summer birthdays and chronological age checklist of readiness indicators.
- **Daily routines**-Riding the bus; the importance of breakfast, snacks and **SLEEP!**

Class Dates:

January 21, 28, February 4, 2010
9:00-11:00 a.m or 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Connections bus ride will be scheduled in the Spring.

This class is required for all children attending Discovery Place who are planning on attending Kindergarten in the Fall 2010. **Please return the attached registration form to ECFE by January 11, 2010.**



Kindergarten Connection Registration Form

Please include your check for \$15.00 made payable to ECFE/JCC schools and return by Jan. 11, 2010

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

820 PARK STREET JACKSON, MN 56143

Classes are January 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 2010

_____ 9:00-11:00 a.m.

_____ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Child's Name

Date of Birth

Parents Name

Address

Home Phone #

Work #

Cell #

Names/Ages of Siblings Attending: (sibling care available through 6 years old only) \$5.00 for 3 weeks

Please return by January 11, 2010 ECFE 820 Park Street Jackson, MN 56143 507-847-5868.



ECFE T-SHIRTS

We still have a few t-shirts available for sale. If you have not gotten your yet, please come into the office to see colors and sizes!

Do you have anything you want to put here?

Recycle, Recyclewe are

looking for items that could be recycled to our classroom! Please make sure the items are clean. Thank you for recycling!!!

Cardboard cheese boxes egg cartons

Small tins folded gift paper

Yogurt containers w/lids formula cans

Plastic baby food containers w/lids

Small clear bottles w/lids

