

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

For Parents and Children

Welcome to the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program. The primary purpose of ECFE is to strengthen families and support parents in providing the best possible environment for healthy growth and the development of their children. Parents have a great influence on their children as the first and most significant teachers in their lives. Because the role of parenting is so important, this program is designed to include children and their parents in activities that will reassure parenting skills, encourage children in caring ways and bring parents and children together for a variety of shared experiences.

PARENT-CHILD CLASSES

ECFE is a great way for parents and children to share in fun activities and learn together. Any family with children between birth and kindergarten is invited to participate. There will be a \$15.00 fee per family/year for classes. No family will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Use southeast door and in room 101.

**Please pre-register 1 week before class starts by
calling 945-6953 or e-mail cosmondson@isd599.org**

FABULOUS FALL

3 years to kindergarten entry

Tuesdays - October 4 - October 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Fall into fun with activities, songs and movement, stories, and art that focus on the season of fall. Your child will build skills while playing and learning with friends and parents will discuss parenting topics of interest.

WORLD OF MOVEMENT

Mixed age 2 to 5 year olds

Tuesdays - November 22 - December 6, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

A special time for parents and children together to enjoy stories, finger plays, art, and music about the way objects and animals move, walk, run, fly and roll. Parents will share and learn during discussion time.

Preschool Screening - November 11

State guidelines make preschool screening mandatory before entrance into preschool and kindergarten. The Fertile Beltrami School District provides preschool screening free of charge. The screening will cover health history, immunization assessment, vision, hearing and speech screening, and assessment of height and weight. The fall screening date is November 11 and families will be notified. If you are new to the district, please call the school at 945-6953.

(Turn over for special events---)

ONE TIME ECFE SPECIALS

Pre-registration one week ahead is recommended. No charge for events.

Pre-register by calling the school at 945-6953 or e-mail cosmondson@isd599.org or mail ECFE, Fertile-Beltrami School, 210 Mill St. S., Fertile, MN 56540

WOODLAND ADVENTURE LITERACY NIGHT

Thursday, September 22, 2016 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Agassiz Environmental Learning Center

Families and their children birth to kindergarten age are invited to the Woodland Adventure Night at the AELC. Beginning at 6:00 pm there will be an activity trail hike followed by an interactive presentation by Danielle Meunier about reptiles and amphibians. Enjoy an evening of fun at the Nature Center learning about our environment, hearing stories, making a creative project, meeting Booker, and receive a free book. A light snack will be offered. An opportunity to donate to the ECI Splash Pad will be available. Event is sponsored by ECFE, ECI and Fertile Public Library.

PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP

Tuesday, September 27, 5:30 pm

Board the bus to Garden Hill Farms and pick out a pumpkin. Stroll through the pumpkin patch for the perfect pumpkin to bring home, hear a story and enjoy a snack. Be sure to sign up so we have appropriate transportation arranged. Bus will leave at 5:30 pm from the north east side of school. Open to families with children birth to age 5.

AN EVENING WITH GRANDPARENTS

Tuesday, November 1, 6:30-8:00 pm

Fertile-Beltrami School Lunchroom

Whether you're a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other extended family member, you are invited to share this event with birth to five age children, in your life. It's a special opportunity to enjoy each other's company in a preschool setting with a variety of fun projects and activities to do together. The theme is Fantastic Farm.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 12, 6:30-8:00 pm

Fertile-Beltrami Lunchroom

Families with children birth to age five are invited to come and enjoy the holiday season. Visit with Santa and participate in hands on holiday activities. Bring your camera.

YOUR FAMILY COUNTS: Are you new to our district or have a new addition to your family?

If you have children birth to kindergarten in your household, be sure all your children are included in the school district census. Call the school at 945-6953 to enroll your babies, toddlers and preschoolers on the census. Also this information helps our school district plan for future students.

PARENTING WEBSITES

A couple of easy to use website for parenting information, resources and activities that help children grow and develop are www.parentsknow.state.mn.us. and www.zerotothree.org. Also check the Fertile Beltrami School Web site under school tab, then ECI, then parenting sites.

Pre-registration Form

Mail to: ECFE, Fertile-Beltrami School, 210 Mill St S, Fertile MN 56540 or call 945-6953 or email cosmondson@isd599.org.

Parent's Name: _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Child's Name	Birth Date	Session	Day & Time
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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\$15.00 class fee enclosed _____

Unable to pay at this time _____

DEVELOP THE READING HABIT

- Spend time with your child reading, talking, telling stories and singing songs.
- Keep books on the child's level so they can easily reach for them.
- Let your child see you reading books, newspapers and magazine.
- When reading a book, have your child point to objects, ask questions and talk about the book.
- Find a comfortable place to read and sit close to your children.
- Read every day to your child.

The Goals of Early Childhood Family Education

- To support parents in their child raising efforts;
 - To offer information about child development and alternative parenting techniques;
 - To help parents and their children communicate better;
 - To give children opportunities to discover and learn;
 - To promote positive parental attitudes; and
 - To provide information on community resources available to parents and children.
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