

Winter/Spring 2020

What is ECFE ?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a statewide opportunity for families like yours!

- Classes, field trips, and special events for parents and their children, ages birth – kindergarten.
- Education, support, fun and friendship for parents.
- Guidance and support from licensed early childhood teachers and parent educators.

• Learning through toys and activities planned especially for young children. You DO NOT HAVE TO "JOIN" anything, just sign-up for the classes or events that you would like to attend. Any family with young children living in the Mora school district is eligible to participate. Fees are paid according to a sliding fee scale however; fees can be waived if you are unable to pay. The Mora ECFE program offers classes and events during two semesters each year, fall and winter/spring. All weather-related closing of Mora Public Schools applies to the ECFE and Preschool Programs. In the event of late start, morning ECFE & Preschool classes are cancelled. In the event of early release, afternoon and evening classes are cancelled.

Mora Early Childhood Family Education Newsletter

Field Trip to Mounds View InnerActive Indoor Playground

Wednesday, January 15th, 2020
8:30 AM-2:30 PM



Socks must be worn at all times!

Inner Active Playground is a space with the simple focus of providing play and fitness for children of all ages. The goal is to bring the feel of an outdoor park to the indoors. They adhere to the strictest quality control standards emphasizing excellence in service, safety, security, cleanliness and creativity.

The bus will leave Mora at 8:30 AM and return by 2:30 PM.

Bring a bag lunch to enjoy in the cafeteria.(Vending machines available)

Cost is \$7.50 per child, adults are free.

Register by filling out the form in this newsletter or by calling 320-679-6257.
Reservations and waiver forms must be made by January 8th!

What happens at an ECFE separating class?

First . . . Parents & children play together in a room full of toys and learning activities—fun things you may or may not do at home like play dough, painting, blocks, make believe, etc.

Then . . . Children stay in the room with teachers and other children to have a snack, continue practicing their social skills of taking turns, asking for help, and more; while parents move to another room with the parent educator. They have treats and discuss parenting joys and concerns.

Separating Class Choices:

#101 Monday Mornings 8:45-10:45 AM
12 weeks February 3rd-May 4th
No class Feb.17th and Apr.13th

#102 Wednesday Mornings 8:45-10:45 AM
12 weeks January 29th-May 6th
No class Feb.12th, Apr.8th, Apr.15th

See fee schedule below for class pricing.

Non-Separating Class Choices:

Play and Learn

Come to our fun-filled classroom and play with your child, ages 0-5. No registration required.

\$2.00 per family/per visit or purchase a card \$15/10 visits.

Friday mornings: Jan. 24th- May 29th. 8:30-10:30 AM
(no class 2/14, 3/13, 3/27 or 4/10)

Tuesday evenings: Jan. 7th-Jan. 28th 5:45-7:00 PM
This class will include gym time followed by playtime in the classroom and finish with circle time including fingerplays and songs.

Muscle Mania

Looking for a place to play with your children, ages 1-5 years, when the weather is cold and snowy?

Come to Mora Elementary School, to experience some wide-open space to play with riding toys, balance beam, tunnels and more.

Cost: \$2.00 per family/ per visit

Tuesday Evenings: Feb.4th -Feb.25th 6:00-7:00 PM

Fee Schedule

A sliding fee scale, according to the adjusted gross income of a household, determines class fees.

Cost for parent(s) & 1 child to attend a 12 week separating class:

Household income:

Over 50,000.....	\$36.00
35,000-50,000.....	\$30.00
20,000-34,000.....	\$24.00
Under 20,000.....	\$18.00

Cost for each additional child to attend is \$5.00

No charge for infants 4 months and younger, as these children will remain with the parent.

If class fees are a problem, please call 320-679-6257.

**Registration for Winter/Spring classes begins
January 6th, 2020**

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Parents of 3-4-year-olds: Has your child been through Screening? The early childhood years from birth to the start of kindergarten are an important time of rapid learning and growth. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how children are doing between the ages of 3 to 4 years. It identifies, at an early stage, possible concerns so that children can get needed help before starting school. Early Childhood Screening is not an IQ test or a kindergarten entrance test, although it is required by state law for children before starting kindergarten. Screening is a free review of your child's vision, hearing, height, weight, development and immunization records.

Children are screened by trained staff at the Mora Elementary School.

You should receive a phone call sometime after your child turns 3 1/2 years old. If you do not receive a call, please call us at 320-679-6257 to schedule an appointment.



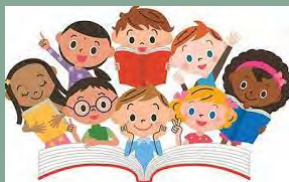
Dates for Upcoming Winter/Spring screenings are:

Tuesday January 17th 9:00 AM-2:30 PM
Thursday February 13th 3:00 PM-5:50 PM
Thursday March 26th 3:00-5:50 PM



LIBRARY STORYTIME

Mora Early Childhood and Mora Public Library offer a special story time including songs, stories and simple activities that children, 18 months to 3 years of age, and parents can do together.



Where: Mora Public Library

When: 10:30-11:00 AM

Dates: Jan.16, 30 Feb.13, 27
Mar. 12, 26 Apr.16

Call 320-679-6257 to register you
and your child.

Parenting Again- Group

For: Grandparents who are raising
their grandchildren.
Join us to meet other grandparents
with similar joys and challenges.

Winter/Spring meetings:
2/24, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18.

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Mora Elementary School,
Early Childhood Entrance

Free childcare.

Dinner is potluck style.

We gratefully acknowledge the
Mora ECFE Program for sponsoring
this group.

Remind 101

Attention Families:

Are you looking for a quick and easy place to get current Early Childhood information? Mora Early Childhood has set up a Remind. Remind is a safe texting system that allows you to receive short text messages from Carrie Sell without sharing any of your personal information. Carrie sends out 3-5 messages a month about important Early Childhood classes, field trips, and special events that are coming up. Standard text message rates do apply.

Text: @e283d9 to 81010.

Questions please contact Carrie Sell at 679-6257.

Dolly Parton's "Imagination Library"

The Imagination Library has been proven to drastically improve early literacy for young children. Each month children enrolled will automatically get mailed an age appropriate book directly to their home.

Register your child for this amazing offer by stopping in the Early Childhood Office or go online to sign-up @ ImaginationLibrary.com
Questions call 320-679-6257.



"My kids and I look forward to coming to ECFE each week. I wish I would have started bringing them sooner. " - Miranda Fox

What is the Early Childhood/School Readiness Advisory Council?

The Early Childhood Advisory Council is a group of parents and community members, who meet four times a year ,to share ideas and plan programming for families with young children.

Winter/Spring meeting dates:

Wed. Feb.12th & Wed. Apr.15th from 9:00-10:30 AM.
Free childcare is available during meeting.

New members are always welcome!

Please call 320-679-6257 to attend the meetings.

Ask how you can
earn a \$10.00
credit towards
ECFE or Preschool
classes!

ECFE Summer Class

Are you looking for summer fun for your little ones (ages 2-5)?

Come and join other families in our ECFE classroom for a non-separating, theme based, 90 minutes of fun!

Each day will include outside time.

Themes include:

- ❖ Numbers
- ❖ Gardening
- ❖ Pond Animals
- ❖ Bugs and Insects

Tuesdays in June: 9th, 16th, 23th, 30th
9:00-10:30 AM

Register for any or all of the classes.

Cost is \$2.00 per child/per class. Sibling care is available for children ages 6-10 years.

Family Frolics at the park

Meet other families with children, ages birth-8, to play.

Very informal,
bring your water bottle or coffee!

An ECFE staff member will be there to greet your family and supply a snack for the children.

June 4 : Kids Kingdom

June 11: Library Park

June 18: Kids Kingdom

June 25: Library Park

9:00-10:30 AM

No registration necessary,
just show up.
Hope to see you there!

Stages Children's Theatre presents:

"THE DOT"

Vashti is a girl who says she cannot draw. When she tells her teacher, the teacher tells her to "make a mark and see where it takes you." Vashti draws a dot on her paper, and her teacher then says, "now sign it." The next week she is surprised to see her dot framed and on display in the teacher's office. Seeing her dot, she says "I can make a better dot than that." She then starts drawing elaborate, colorful dots and realizes she is indeed an artist.

Saturday February 22nd, 2020
10:00 AM or 1:00 PM
Richard Hardy Performing Arts
Center in Cambridge.
Call 763-689-6189 for tickets



Home Visiting

Would you like to participate in ECFE but can't come to us? This service is for families with children birth to kindergarten entrance, who live in the Mora School District. A licensed family educator will come to your home to share information about issues or answer questions that you have concerning your child.

Call Carrie at
320-679-6257
for more information.



Infant and Toddler Intervention services are provided for eligible children birth to three years of age who may be experiencing delays in their development for several reasons, including special health conditions. These services are designed to meet the unique needs of each child and their family and are offered at no cost to families. Accessing these services as early as possible will ensure the best development outcomes for the child. If you have any questions call 1-866-693-4769 Or find us on the web at MDE.ECSE@state.mn.us

Dinner and Dance Party

Thursday Feb. 20th

Dinner 5:00 -5:30 PM

Dance 5:30-7:00 PM



We'll start out the evening with a dinner for the first 75 registered and then we'll rock out with a DJ. "Hokey Pokey", "Limbo", "Baby Shark" and many other fun kids songs and dances will keep the kids movin' and groovin'.

Event will be held at the Mora Elementary Commons.

Cost is \$5.00 per family

This activity is for families with children ages 1-5. Older children, ages 6-9, are welcome to come along with their younger siblings.

Call 320-679-6257 to register or if you have questions.



"LEAP, CREEP AND SLITHER"



The Audubon Center of the North Woods is coming to the Mora Elementary School to introduce kids to a variety of critters, with a focus on reptiles.

The evening will consist of a wildlife presentation by an Audubon staff member, book reading and a craft project.

Date: April 28th Time: 6:00-7:15 PM Mora Elementary School

This is a FREE event, geared for children ages 2-5 years old, but older siblings are welcome. Call 320-679-6257 to register.



"Parent time is great socialization for me, and we talk about a variety of topics that are beneficial even as an experienced parent." -Shayna

Parents/Guardians _____ Date _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Parents Email Address _____

Class/ Event	Child(ren) Attending	Birthdate	M/F	Adult(s) Attending	Cost of class/event
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TOTAL OF ALL FEES: _____
 COST OF ADDITIONAL CHILDREN: _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

PAID BY: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ On-line _____ Waive Fee _____ SCHA

Registration begins on January 6th

To Register in Person: Fill out registration form and bring it to the Early Childhood Office with payment
By Mail: Fill out registration form and mail it with payment to 200 N.9th St Mora, MN. 55051
Online: Visit the Mora Schools web store @www.moraschools.org to pay by credit card

Registration Deadline: One week prior to class or event, unless otherwise noted. However, classes may fill sooner, so please register early.

Refund Policy: No refunds given after classes begin.

SCHA members: You and your children may take classes FREE as long as you're covered by South Country Health Alliance! Events and field trips are **NOT** covered by SCHA. Please include your member numbers on the registration form.

Am I in? No confirmations will be sent. You will be notified if your class will not be held.

**Do not let our fees stop you! No individual or family who resides in the Mora school district will be turned away from participating in the ECFE program because of inability to pay. Please call the ECFE office for more information at 320-679-6257.

Mora Public Schools
ISD #332
400 East Maple Avenue
Mora ,MN. 55051
Address Services Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U. S. Postage Permit No.113
Mora, MN.55051

ECFE and Preschool classes
will be held at:
200 N. 9th Street
Mora, MN. 55051
We are part of the
Community Education
Program of Mora Public
Schools ISD #332

Program staff includes:

Carrie Sell
Vicki Smith
Kristin Crider
Karen Goodwin
Stacy McClanahan
Nikki Tetnowski
Heather Callander
Heather Stromberg
Nicole Schwarzbauer
Annie Haugen
Roberta Sjodin

Are you thinking about preschool, for your 3 or 4 year old, for the 2020-2021 school year?

Registration packets will be ready on Mar. 2nd
in the Mora Early Childhood lobby, located in Mora
Elementary School Entrance A4.

Sign-up takes place from 5:00-6:00 pm on Mar. 16th
in the Early Childhood Office

Only **complete** applications will be accepted.
Eligible ages: Child must be three on or before Sept.1, 2020 for
the three-year-old program **Or** Child must be four on or
before Sept.1, 2020 for the four-year-old program.

Days and tuition rates vary. Scholarships are
available. Call 320-679-6257 with any questions.

