

Mora Early Childhood Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2019



Minnesota
Children's
Museum

Wednesday Jan. 23rd, 2019

Join us as we travel by bus to St. Paul to visit the museum. Your family will have about 3 hours to explore the museum on your own.

The bus will depart at 8:30 am and return by 2:30 pm. You can buy lunch at the museum or bring a lunch to eat at our designated time.

Due to the new "water" features at the museum, we suggest that you bring an extra set of clothes for your child(ren), in case they get overly wet.

Cost is \$6.50 per child. Adults are free. Sorry, but season passes cannot be used with the group rates.

You must pre-register by Jan.9th.

Call 320-679-6257 to reserve your space on the bus.

Sports and Supper

*Tuesday March 26th
5:30-6:00 PM Supper
6:00-7:00 Gym Time*

ECFE will be offering an opportunity to use the Mora Elementary Gym for fun and exercise.

The evening will begin with supper in the cafeteria, and then you are encouraged to play with your children.

There will be activities in the gym to use up some energy and exercise those muscles!

Parents and children ages 2-8 years are welcome.

**Cost is \$1.00 per person, for the meal.
Only 50 meals will be available, so make your reservation early, by calling 320-679-6257.**

Deadline for registration is March 18th.

Parenting Speaker, Katy Smith

Tuesday April 30th 6:30-8:00 PM



Katy Smith is a keynote speaker, an educator, a trainer, and a valued resource for parents and educators. Katy is the 2011 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, the first early childhood teacher in Minnesota, and the first parent educator nationally, to be honored with the award.

Katy presents, "What Kids Need to Succeed." Childhood goes fast! It is important for adults who care for children to pay attention to their needs. Taking care to craft a childhood that supports the whole child takes all of us. Join Katy for an engaging community conversation about what kids need.

****No registration required. **CEU's will be offered. **This is a FREE event.**

This event will be held at the Richard Hardy Performing Arts Center (located at the Cambridge High School).

Parent/Child Classes

What happens at an ECFE 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.

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.

Birth-Five Separating Classes

(families with children ages 0-5 years may attend)

Class #101 Mondays 8:45-10:45 am

12 weeks 2/4-5/13 (no class 2/18, 3/11, 4/22).

See fee schedule on this page.

Class #102 Wednesdays 8:45-10:45 am

12 weeks 2/6-5/8 (no class 2/20, 4/17).

See fee schedule on this page.



**Registration for
Winter/Spring classes
begins January 3rd, 2019**

LIBRARY STORY TIME

ECFE and East Central Regional 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.17, 31 Feb.14, 28 Mar. 14, 28 Apr.11

Registration recommended.

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

Play and Learn

Come to our fun-filled classroom and play with your child (ages 0-5).
No registration required, arrive when you can, leave when you're ready.
\$2.00 per family/per visit or purchase a card \$15/10 visits.

Friday mornings 8:30-10:30 AM
Jan. 4th- May 17th
(no class 2/15, 3/8,3/29,4/19)

Tuesday Evenings 5:30-6:45 PM
Feb. 5th-Feb. 26th
This class will end the evening with group singing and finger plays at 6:30

Classes will be held in our ECFE classroom.
Enter through the Early Childhood door (A4) at Mora Elementary.

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 – 5 years old.
- 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.

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.

Parenting Again- Grandparents Support Group

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

Winter/Spring meetings: 2/25, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20.

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Mora Elementary School, Main entrance

Free childcare. Dinner is potluck style.

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

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 learning or health 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 22nd 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Thursday February 21st 3:00 PM-5:50 PM

Thursday March 14th 3:00 PM-5:50 PM

Are you thinking about preschool for your 3 or 4 year old for the 2019-2020 school year?

Registration packets will be ready on Mar. 4th
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. 18th in the Early Childhood Office
Only **complete** applications will be accepted.

Eligible ages: Child must be three on or before Sept. 1st 2019 for the three-year-old program **Or** Child must be four on or before Sept. 1st 2019 for the four-year-old program.

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



What is the Early Childhood/School Readiness Advisory Council?

The Advisory Council is made up of parents and community members who help make our program satisfy the needs and wants of families with young children who reside in our area.

Winter/Spring meeting dates:

Wed.Feb.20th and Wed.Apr.17th 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!!

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 5-10 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.

Field Trip to Fawn-Doe-Rosa

Wednesday May 15th 9:00-2:30

Please join us at Fawn-Doe-Rosa Wildlife Education Park, where you can walk with deer and geese. Then it's off to the petting area where you will find rabbits, chicks, goats, llamas, and more. There is even a part of the park that houses elk, bear, badgers, etc. Animal feed is available for \$1.00 per bag.

The bus will leave Mora Elementary school at 9:00 AM and return about 2:30 PM. You will have about 2 ½ hours to explore and enjoy the animals.

Bring a bag lunch to enjoy at the park.

Cost is \$6.25 per person.

Call 320-679-6257 to register.

Reservations must be made by May 8th.

Go to: www.fawndoerosa.com

for additional information about the park.



ECFE Summer Birth-Five Classes

Are you looking for summer fun for your little ones (ages 1-5)?

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

Topics will include:

Birds, Things with Wheels and Farms.

Tuesdays in June: 11th, 18th, 25th 9:00-10:30 AM

Call 679-6257 to register for any or all of the classes.

Cost is \$2.00 per child/per class.

ECFE Summer Play and Learn

You're invited to come to our Early Childhood classroom to play with your child (ages birth-5 years)

It's simple, no registration required.

"Open House" format-arrive when you can,

leave when it's no longer fun.

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

Thursday mornings June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

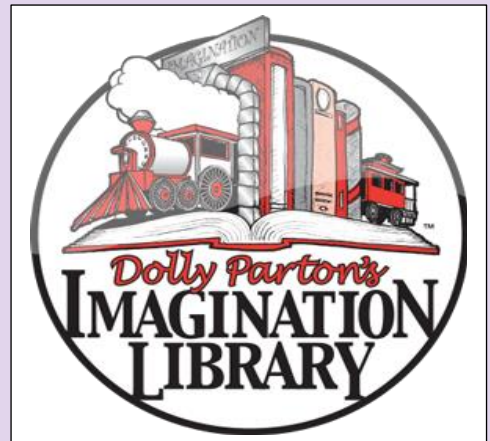
9:00-11:00 AM.

Classes will be held in our ECFE classroom.
Come to the Early Childhood entrance, door A4,
at Mora Elementary.

Dolly Parton's "Imagination Library"

This program has been proven to drastically improve early literacy for children enrolled in the program. The program automatically mails age appropriate books directly to your home for your child's enjoyment.

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.



Earth Day Fun



Tuesday April 16th 5:30-7:00PM

Please join us for an evening of reduce, reuse and recycling fun. There will be projects and activities that focus on taking care of our world. You will learn tips and tricks on subjects like gardening and other earth friendly topics.

This event is for children 2-5 years and their families, although siblings are welcome to join us, just know that the activities are geared for younger children.

This is a **free** event, but you **do** need to pre-register.

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

Deadline for registration is April 8th.

Registration Form

Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____

Class/Event.	Children Attending	Birthdate	M/F	Adult(s) Attending	Cost of class/event
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				Cost of additional child (ren)	_____
				Total Amount Due	_____

Paid by: _____ Cash _____ Check (number) _____ on-line _____ Waive Fee _____ SCHA

SCHA Number(s) _____



Registration begins on January 3rd, 2019

- To register in person:* Fill out registration form and bring to the Early Childhood office with payment
- To register by mail:* Fill out registration form and mail w/payment to: ECFE 200 N. 9th Street Mora, MN. 55051
- To register on-line:* 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 will be 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 or event will NOT be held.

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

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U.S. Postage
Permit No. 113
Mora, MN .55051

ECFE and Preschool classes will be held at:
200 North 9th Street
Mora, MN. 55051
320-679-6257

We are part of the Community Education
program of Mora Public Schools ISD #332.

Program Staff includes:

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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

