

Free Viking Preschool and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten

Preschool Ages 3-4

Wednesdays & Fridays

7:45am - 11:00am OR

12:45 - 3:15pm (includes snack)

Child must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2019 to enroll

Preschool Ages 4-5

Tuesdays & Thursdays OR

Wednesdays & Fridays

7:45am - 3:15pm

(includes breakfast, lunch & snack)

Child must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2019 to enroll

Last Day-Viking Preschool Programs

Wednesday May 13

10:00am – Terra & Staci's Classroom

11:00am – Megan's Classroom

2:00pm – Terra's Classroom

Thursday May 14

10:00am – Terra's Classroom

11:00am – Megan's Classroom

Pelican Rapids Schools preschool programs continue Parent Aware Four-Star Rating!

Families use Parent Aware Star Ratings to find programs using research-based best practices that prepare children for school and life.



When a program participates in the Parent Aware Star Rating process, they are letting their stars shine. They volunteer for extra training and professional development to go above and beyond basic health and safety licensing requirements.

Participating programs can earn a One-, Two-, Three-, or Four-Star Rating. Parent Aware Ratings are based on demonstrated use of research-based practices that prepare children for school and life. For more information visit www.parentaware.org



Research has shown that up to 90% of brain development occurs before the age of five, and that nearly half of Minnesota children enter kindergarten not fully prepared to succeed. By offering every four-year-old the opportunity to attend preschool, the state hopes to help close the achievement gap and ensure more students have a successful educational career.

Pelican Rapids offers free Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) as one of the districts in Minnesota that has been awarded funding for the program.

Superintendent Dr. Ed Richardson said that they look at the program as part of a continuum and getting instruction in letters, numbers, counting and simply how to operate within a school is an important hurdle for kids. "Kids who come into kindergarten without knowing their letters and numbers can be behind by the 4th grade. Our Pre-K kids have that exposure to school and know what a school day is. They understand working with other students," said Richardson.

As ECFE and School Readiness Teacher/Coordinator, Terra Fitzsimmons says, "The program allows a smooth transition into kindergarten. We use Math and Language Pre-Kindergarten curriculum correlating to the K-6 models at Viking Elementary. It is integrated in an age-appropriate hands-on Pre-K experience with licensed teachers throughout the entire session. Our goal is to prepare children for success as they enter Kindergarten. Activities focus around math, literacy, art, social/play and developing fine motor skills."

Contact Terra for more information at 218-863-5910 ext. 5393 or email: tfitsim@vikes.us.

Viking Preschool & ECFE Staff

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Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Program

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a parent-child program for children aged birth to Pre-K and their parents. We strongly believe that parents are a child's first and most important teachers.



'Arty Smarty'

Ages: 3-5

Parent and preschoolers have 1:1 time in learning environment. Includes parent discussion group and a FREE BOOK for every child!

Thursdays, Feb. 27 - Mar. 26

5:30-7:00pm

Magical Mondays

Ages: 0-5

Parents and children must stick together as you explore the activities, art, and play stations. Together you'll enjoy a circle time with books, music, & dancing.

Mondays, March 2 - April 27

(except Apr. 6)

10:00am-11:15am

No school ages allowed-we are partnering with Club Vikes to offer sibling care. Contact Emily Evenson at 218-863-5910 x5022 with questions or to register for the Club Vikes program.



Bright Start Child Care Home Visits & Family Outreach Program

You may participate in this once a month visiting program in which Janet Woolever will come into your home with activities and resources. Call Janet Woolever, Child Care/Family Home Visitor, at 218-863-5910 ext. 5393 with questions or to schedule a visit.

Supported in part by United Way of Otter Tail County



WCMCA Head Start Preschool Program for 3-4 year olds

What does Head Start Preschool Offer?

We offer a variety of Preschool Class options to best fit your family's needs!

(All classes meet 4 days a week)

We offer 2 options:

Tuesday-Friday: ½ Day Class
Tuesday-Friday: Full Day Class

Located at the Pelican Rapids Viking Elementary School

Our Preschool program is offered at no cost to families!!

Apply now!
Call 218-770-9232



ECFE Program Information

Registration is required for all classes Minimum class size 4.

Class fees: all ECFE classes are free
Current class information and notifications including changes and cancellations will be posted on the district website www.pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us and the [Viking Preschool and](#)

[ECFE Facebook page.](#)

Storm Policy If the Pelican Rapids Schools are cancelled or release students early due to bad weather, ECFE classes will not be held.

Location of classes Enter the Viking Elementary front lobby and signs will direct you to the ECFE classroom

Please register for all ECFE classes by calling Terra at 218-863-5910 ext. 5393

Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers

Ages: 0-2

Our youngest students have their special time at the big school. Come and meet new friends as we play, sing, and dance together.

Thursdays, April 16 - May 7

- mornings 10:00-11:15am OR
- evenings 5:30-6:30pm



Chahinkapa Field Trip



Friday, May 15

We will travel to the zoo in small groups.

- 10:45am meet at the carousel
- 11:30am have lunch at Pizza Ranch in Whapeton



Kindergarten, Viking Preschool and Head Start Round Up

Thursday, March 26th
from 6:00-7:00 pm

Viking Elementary School

Meet the teachers, tour the classrooms & enjoy fun activities!

All children planning to attend Kindergarten, Viking Preschool and Head Start this fall are welcome to attend this event with their parents/guardians.

Please make child care arrangements for your other children if attending the Kindergarten session

Children must be ages 3 - 4 for Preschool or age 5 for Kindergarten by September 1, 2020

ECFE Class Registration Form

Please register for all classes that your family wants to attend

Child Name _____ Age _____ Child Name _____ Age _____

Parent Name _____ Phone: _____

| Class Name | Days/Times | ✓ to register |
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| Arty Smarty | Thursdays, Feb. 27-Mar. 26 5:30-7:00pm | |
| Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers | Thursdays, Apr. 16-May 7 morning 10-11:15am | |
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| Chahinkapa Zoo Family Field Trip | Friday, May 15 | |

Questions or to register:

Call Terra at 218-863-5910 ext. 5393 or email: tfitsim@vikes.us

Mail registrations to: ECFE, P.O. Box 642, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Please contact me about receiving home visits:

- Caring Connections Bright Start Child Care