

Free Viking Preschool and free 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

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: tfitzsim@vikes.us.

Early Childhood Family Education 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.

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

Winter Wiggle Outs



Ages: 0-5

When: Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm

- December 10th
- January 14th
- February 4th

Location: Viking Elementary Gym

Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers

Our youngest students have their special time at the big school. Come and meet new friends as we play, sing, and dance together. Ages: 0-3

Winter session

Thursdays, January 9th-February 13th

- morning 10:00-11:15am OR
- evening 5:30-6:30pm

Spring session

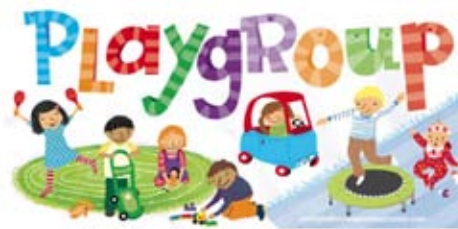
Thursdays, April 16th-May 7th

- morning 10:00-11:15am OR
- evening 5:30-6:30pm

Location: ECFE Classroom

Magical Mondays

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.



No school agers 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.

Ages: 0-5

When:

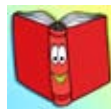
Mondays, 10:00am-11:15am

January 6th-February 10th
and March 2nd-April 27th (except Apr. 6)

Location: ECFE Classroom

Preschooler and Parent

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



Ages: 3-5

When: Thursdays, February 27th-
March 26th 5:30-7:00pm

Location: ECFE Classroom

Winter Make 'n Take

Enjoy making a few seasonal treasured crafts.

Ages: 1-5

When:

Thursday, December 5th
6:00-7:00pm

Location:

Viking Elementary
Cafeteria



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



Preschool & ECFE Staff

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& Mindy Peterson

Classroom Assistants

Janet Woolever

Child Care/Family Home Visitor

Bright Start Child Care Home Visits and 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 at (218)863-5910 ext. 5393 with questions or to schedule a visit.

Supported in part by United Way of Otter Tail County

ECFE Class Registration Form

Please register for all classes that your family wants to attend

Child's Name _____ Age ____ Child's Name _____ Age ____

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Parent Name _____ Phone: _____

Class Name	Days/Times	✓ to register
Winter Wiggle Outs	Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, & Feb. 4	
Winter Make 'n Take	Thursday, Dec. 5 6:00-7:00pm	
Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers-winter session	mornings 10-11:15am	
Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers-winter session	evenings 5:30-6:30pm	
Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers-spring session	mornings 10-11:15am	
Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers-spring session	evenings 5:30-6:30pm	
Preschooler & Parent	Thursdays Feb. 27-Mar. 26 5:30-7:00pm	
Magical Mondays	Mondays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10 & Mar. 2-Apr. 27	

Questions or to register for ECFE classes: Call Terra at 218-863-5910 ext 5393 or email: tfitzsim@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