

FREE Viking Preschool and Early Childhood Family Education Programs

FREE Viking Preschool-School Readiness

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.

Early Childhood Family Education

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a parent-child program for children aged birth to Pre-K and their parents. ECFE strongly believes that parents are a child's first and most important teachers. The ECFE program of Pelican Rapids wants all families with young children to be aware of our program.

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 extension 5393 with questions or to schedule a visit.
Supported in part by United Way of Otter Tail County

FREE Viking Preschool

FREE Viking Preschool Ages 3-4

Child must be 3 yrs old by Sept. 1, 2018 to enroll

Morning Session:

- Wednesdays & Fridays 7:45-11:00am
- includes breakfast

OR

Afternoon Session:

- Wednesdays & Fridays 12:45-3:45pm
- includes snack

FREE Viking Preschool Ages 4-5

Child must be 4 yrs old by Sept. 1, 2018 to enroll

Tuesday & Thursday Session:

- 7:45am-3:45pm
- breakfast, lunch & snack included

OR

Wednesday & Friday Session:

- 7:45am-3:45pm
- breakfast, lunch & snack included



Free Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten for 4 year olds

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.

Viking Elementary Principal 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 coordinator, Terra Fitzsimmons says the program allows a smooth transition into 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@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Classes

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.

When: Mondays from 10:00-11:00 am

Location: ECFE Classroom (enter main doors)

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.



Winter Wiggle Outs

Ages 1-5

Let's get some of our winter wiggles out! The gym will be ready for family fun with balls, scooters, and more!



Park in the side parking lot, enter through door #14

Pelican Rapids district preschool programs have been approved for another Parent Aware Four Star Rating!



This is the highest rating possible and is valid for two years!

When:

- January 8th & 24th 6-7:00 pm
- February 7th & 26th 6-7:00 pm

Location: Viking Elementary Gym

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!

When: Thursdays in March 5:30-6:30 pm

Location: ECFE Classroom (enter main doors)

ECFE Winter Class Registration Form

Please register for all classes that your family wants to attend

Child's Name: _____ Age _____

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Phone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Class Name	Days/Times	✓ to register
Magical Mondays	Mondays 10:00-11:00am	
Winter Wiggle Outs	Tuesday, January 8th 6-7:00pm	
	Thursday, January 24th 6-7:00pm	
	Thursday, February 7th 6-7:00pm	
	Tuesday, February 26th 6-7:00pm	
Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers	Thursdays in March 5:30-6:30pm	

Please contact me about receiving home visits:

- Caring Connections Bright Start Child Care

To register for ECFE classes or if you have questions:

Call Terra at 218-863-5910 ext 5393 or email: tfitsim@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Mail registrations to:

ECFE, P.O. Box 642, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Please Note:

•We would love to see you & your family. Because our classes have size limits it is important to register.

•The ECFE classroom is located at the Viking Elementary School in the 1st grade hallway across from the library.

•Current class information including changes and cancellations can be found on our school website at www.pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us or on our Viking Preschool and ECFE Facebook page

•If school is cancelled due to weather, ECFE & Preschool classes are also cancelled. Please call if you have any questions as weather worsens throughout an afternoon and or evening.

•Terra Fitzsimmons & Megan King can be reached at (218)863-5910 x5393.

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Tami Hanson & Mindy Peterson
Classroom Assistants

Janet Woolever

Child Care/Family Home Visitor