

FREE Viking Preschool and Early Childhood Family Education

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.
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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 in Pelican Rapids

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: tfitzsim@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us.

**Preschool/Head Start and Kindergarten Roundup
Tuesday, March 19 from 6-7:30pm at Viking Elementary**

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 10:00-11:15am
March 4-April 29 (no class on 4/22)

Location: ECFE Classroom

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.

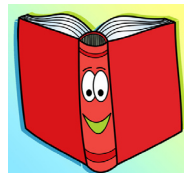
Preschooler and Parent

Ages 3-5

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

When: Thursdays April 4, 11 and 25
(no class on April 18) from 5:30-6:30pm

Location: ECFE Classroom



Chahinkapa Zoo Field Trip

You can either meet us at the zoo gate at 10:00am or at the football field parking lot at 8:50am if you want to rideshare. We will stroll through the zoo and then meet at the carousel at 12:00pm for some zippy tunes and spins.

We will have a picnic in the park at 12:30pm if the weather is nice.

Please plan to pay your own gate admission (adults \$10, children 4 & up \$4) and Carousel ride (\$2). Please register for this field trip using the ECFE Class Registration Form below. Hope you can join us for this fun day!

When: Friday, May 10 (leave at 9:00am)

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 5:30-6:30pm

Location: ECFE Classroom



ECFE 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 10:00-11:15am	
Rootin' Tootin' Toddlers	Thursdays in March 5:30-6:30pm	
Preschooler & Parent	Thursdays in April (except 4/18)	
Chahinkapa Zoo	Friday, May 10 at 9:00am	

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: tfitzsim@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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Classroom Assistants

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