



# Rock Ridge Early Childhood Fall 2024 Newsletter

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## ECFE FALL EVENTS

- ECFE Fall Kick-Off
- Sept. 17 Laurentian Elementary 5:00-6:30
- Sept. 19 Parkview Elementary 5:00-6:30
- Sept. 30 ECFE classes begin
- Oct. 14-18 NO ECFE classes
- Oct. 24 Laurentian Fall Festival 5:00-6:30
- Oct. 28 Parent Advisory Council Meeting
  - 12:00-1:00 at Parkview Elementary/virtual availability
- Nov. 25-29 NO ECFE classes
- Dec. 12 Parkview Holiday Special 5:00-6:30

## WELCOME

### GIVE YOUR CHILD A GREAT START WITH ROCK RIDGE EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE)

It is our mission to offer you the highest quality programming and a positive introduction to the Rock Ridge Public Schools. As your child's first and most important teacher, we want to partner with you on your parenting journey.

Early Childhood Family Education is a place for parents and young children to play and learn. It is also a place for parents to meet, share, and support one another in the important role of parenting. Children experience the most rapid brain growth from birth to age five. Our classes will help build your child's social, language, cognitive and physical skills in a hands-on environment. We offer fun affordable classes for children birth to five. Easy to obtain sliding fees and fee waivers are available for families experiencing financial or medical hardships.

Parenting is a lifelong process. As your child's most important teacher, we want to provide opportunities for you to explore and enhance your positive parenting styles. Rock Ridge Early Childhood Education is dedicated to helping parents succeed in this endeavor. Come join us for these enjoyable, educational and interactive parent-child classes!

When you offer your child the opportunity to begin their education in the Rock Ridge Public Schools Early Childhood Family Education programs, you are providing the foundation for a smooth transition to school!



**Our Program has a 4 Star Rating!**  
To earn a 4 star rating schools must prove that they are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing children for kindergarten.



# 2024-2025 CLASS SCHEDULES



## Bright Beginnings Birth through 5 years

Children are at different levels of development at varying ages. They learn from one another as they play, interact, and develop skills. Activities are designed for fun and learning. Parent education will include information on developmental age related concerns and allows time to get to know other parents.

Tuesday 10:30-12:00 Laurentian  
Wednesday 10:30-12:00 Parkview



## Play and Learn at Parkview Birth through 5 years

Come jump, crawl, and build in a variety of learning areas in the gym returning to the classroom setting for more hands-on learning activities. Parenting time will focus on developmental stages and new research.

Thursday 8:30-10:00 Parkview  
Thursday 10:30-12:00 Parkview

## Stepping Stones 4- 5 years

A class for 4 and 5 year old children entering kindergarten in 25-26 school year. Children will meet for 2 hours each week. Class focuses on social emotional, class routines, separating from parents, meeting new friends, exploring new and exciting activities in a safe and nurturing environment.

Monday 8:00-10:00 Laurentian  
Friday 8:00-10:00 Parkview



## Toddler Time (Gradual Separation)

Are you and your child ready to meet new friends, participate together in fun learning adventures, and work toward spending time apart?

We will support you and your child as you learn to separate. Parents will discuss child development, temperament, routines, guiding behavior, and separation while children continue to play and socialize in the classroom.

Tuesday 8:30-10:00 Laurentian  
Wednesday 8:30-10:00 Parkview

## Baby class

(Birth to not yet walking)

FREE class designed for babies. Infants learn best by interacting with the people and objects in their environment. Learn about the importance of the early years and what you can do to promote healthy development. This class includes parent/baby activity time, parent discussion, and time to connect with other parents. Sibling care will be available to older children.

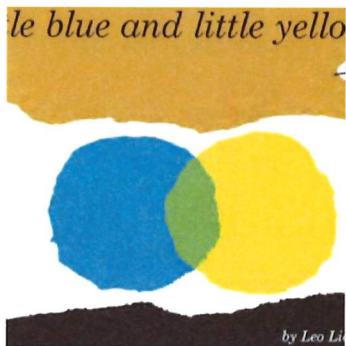
Friday 10:30-12:00 Parkview  
10/11, 10/25, 12/6, 12/13, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 4/4.

# SPECIALTY CLASSES

## Creative Kids Fall Special (Ages: 18 months-5 years)

Explore different forms of art from painting, creating structures, and using molding clay. Children will have the opportunity to express themselves through art. Parent education topics will focus on ways parents can support their children in fostering the love of the art in all forms.

Fridays 10:30-12:00 Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22



## Literacy Winter Special featuring Leo Lionni (Ages 12 months-5 years)

Each week we will explore a new Leo Lionni book with literacy and math activities. This class will focus on proven ideas from research to help your child become a reader beginning at birth and continuing through life. We will look at using early literacy activities and story time to encourage language development and a love of reading.

Friday 10:30-12:00 Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21

## Math in Your Environment Spring Special (Ages: 18 months-5 years)

Stairs, matching socks, stop signs-What do they have in common? These items are math in our environment. This class will explore math activities can be used in everyday life. Parent education topics will focus on ways parents can support their child's natural abilities in the math area in their home.

Friday 10:30-12:00 April 11, 25, May 2, 9



# Resources

## Join our Parent Advisory Council

The Early Childhood Advisory Council (PAC) is a great way to give back to the districts early childhood program, families and communities.

PAC works to support the school district's early childhood programs and services to families.

PAC discusses program policies, program services and parents' perspectives on ways to improve quality and accessibility.

The group works to inform other parents, legislators and community members about early education, school district issues and other community concerns that affect children and families.

Members meet three times during the school year. The first meeting is on Monday, October 28 12:00-1:00 at Parkview Elementary. For more information, please call Shanon at 218-742-3805 or email [shanon.kush@rrps.org](mailto:shanon.kush@rrps.org).

## Parent Connections

Schedule a one-to-one visit with a parent educator  
Parenting information and education is available with a parent educator. The parent educator can share information on child development, parenting concerns, community resources and family support. Connections can be made by phone, virtually or in-person.

To schedule an appointment  
Call Kayla at 742-4108 or [kayla.cochems@rrps.org](mailto:kayla.cochems@rrps.org)



...a fun place to  
play and learn!

## Early Childhood Community Resources

- Child Care Provider Mentorship
  - monthly visits to in-home and center based providers
  - provides enrichment activities and educational mentorship and support to child care providers
- Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) child care providers
  - biweekly meetings at Laurentian or Parkview elementary
  - provides helpful tips for caring for young children, emotional support, project supplies, and a FREE book

For more information or program schedules please contact Shanon at 218-742-3805.

## 2024-2025 Rock Ridge School District #2909 Early Childhood Family Education Registration Student Registration Information

Class 1	Monday	8:30-10:00	Stepping Stones	4-5 Years	Eveleth
Class 2	Tuesday	8:30-10:00	Mixed Ages	Birth-5 Years	Eveleth
Class 3	Tuesday	10:30-12:00	Mixed Ages	Birth-5 Years	Eveleth
Class 4	Wednesday	8:30-10:00	Toddlers	12 months-36 months	Virginia
Class 5	Wednesday	10:30-12:00	Mixed Age	Birth-5 Years	Virginia
Class 6	Thursday	8:30-10:00	Mixed Age	Birth-5 Years	Virginia
Class 7	Thursday	10:30-12:00	Mixed Age	Birth-5 Years	Virginia
Class 8	Friday	8:00-10:00	Stepping Stones	4-5 Years	Virginia
Class 9	Friday	10:30-12:00	Baby(see schedule)	Birth-Not Yet Walking	Virginia
Class 10	Friday	10:30-12:00	Specialty (see schedule)	18 months-5 Years	Virginia

Children participating need to be age by September 1. Note: Schedule subject to change due to enrollment.

### RESIDENT INFORMATION

Are you a resident of Rock Ridge?    Yes    No    If no, in which school district do you reside?

Student resides with: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother & Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother Only <input type="checkbox"/> Mother & Stepfather <input type="checkbox"/> Father Only <input type="checkbox"/> Father & Stepmother <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)	Address _____ _____ City                      State                      Zip Code _____ Home Phone                      County _____
Parent # 1 Information	Parent #2 Information
Name	Name
Home Phone	Home Phone
Email Address	Email Address

### STUDENTS THAT WILL ATTEND ECFE

					*enter class number from above*		
					Fall	Winter	Spring
CHILD 1:			M/F	Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___			
	Last	First	Middle	Circle One			
CHILD 2:			M/F	Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___			
	Last	First	Middle	Circle One			
CHILD 3:			M/F	Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___			
	Last	First	Middle	Circle One			

### CLASS FEE INFORMATION

**Fees: per trimester**

Income	1.5 hour class	Specialty(per trimester)	Stepping Stone(per month)
\$75,000+	\$100	\$50	\$50
\$60,000-\$79,999	\$75	\$37.50	\$37.50
\$45,000-\$59,999	\$50	\$25	\$25
\$25,000-\$44,999	\$25	\$12.50	\$12.50
\$Under \$25,000	\$5	\$6	\$6

**PAYMENT PLAN:**            **Fee enclosed**                      Fee reduction-able to pay \$

**NO FAMILY WILL BE DENIED PARTICIPATION DUE TO INABILITY TO PAY THE CLASS FEE.**

Checks made payable to ISD #2909 and electronic payments are available through community education portal.

**RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION AND FEE TO:** Rock Ridge Early Childhood ATTN: ECFE, 506 9th Ave. N., Virginia, MN. 55792

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