

## EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION/SCHOOL READINESS

Preschool fun and learning  
for your child...

Parenting information and  
support for you!

Bemidji's Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program and School Readiness (SR) is for all families in the Bemidji School District who have pre-school age children. We recognize that parents are a child's first and most important teachers--and that sometimes parents need support and encouragement for this responsibility! ECFE/SR offers a variety of classes for you and your child--infants to pre-kindergarten.

ECFE Classes are held in the Community Service Center  
616 America Avenue -- First Floor. Preschool classes are also at Jack and Jill-BSU.  
You can learn more about ECFE/SR on the Bemidji Community Education web site:  
[www.bemidjicommunityed.com](http://www.bemidjicommunityed.com) or  
call 333-8329 for more information!

**WE HAVE CLASS SPACE AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES-Infants, Toddlers, Twos, Threes, Preschoolers, Mixed Ages. CALL 333-8329 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DAYTIME AND EVENING CLASSES AND TO REGISTER. WE WILL FIND A CLASS FOR YOU! All are listed on the website.**

### New Classes for Infants

As soon as you have your baby, please feel free to join a class! We offer a chance to connect with other parents and answer questions you may have about your new role as a parent. We will discuss parenting issues, learn about baby's development, and talk about what you can do at home to encourage and appreciate your wonderful child. You may sign up for one or both sessions and may join at any time. New classes may be added as needed. (There is a suggested \$25 fee for these 8 weeks and your first baby class is free!) Call for information.

Session I: Mondays, Jan. 27-March 24 and Session II: Mondays, March 31-June 2  
12:30-1:30

Session I: Wednesdays, Feb. 5-March 26 and Session II: Wednesdays, April 2-May 21  
6:00-7:00

### NEW MIXED AGE CLASS! (2 or older by 9/1/13)

Parents and kids share activities together, have a circle time with stories, songs, and games. Bring more than one child if you wish. Parents will leave for a discussion group while the kids enjoy a variety of activities with the classroom teacher. Sibling care is available.

Mondays 6:00-7:30

### NEW SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL (3 by 9/1/13)

Kids come without parents, for a preschool experience that will help them get ready for kindergarten. Children will participate in activities that promote literacy, early math, music, art, circle time, and have opportunity to develop social skills through play. This meets twice a week.

Tuesday and Thursday- 12:45-2:45

### Early Childhood Screening

In order for your child to start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school, he/she must participate in early childhood screening. Screening includes vision, hearing, height, weight, speech/language and developmental observations. We offer these screenings monthly at the Early Childhood Office in the Community Services Center, 616 America Avenue, Bemidji. Ideally children are screened between the ages of 3 1/2 – 4 years old or earlier, if parents have concerns about their child's development. There is no cost for the screening. Please call Sue at 333-8329 to schedule an appointment for your child! Screening dates are scheduled during February, March, April, May and June-daytime and evening.

### ECFE SPECIAL EVENTS

These activities are for preschoolers to enjoy with an adult family member or friend. Please call 333-8329 for more information.

#### “Gym Nights”-FREE

JW Elementary School School

6:00-7:30 PM

Tuesday, Jan 21, and Wednesday, Feb. 19

#### “ECFE MOVIE DAY “– enjoy a feature film, “Curious George”

Bemidji Theater on Highway 2

10:00 AM

Saturday, Feb. 1

FREE tickets, are available from Sue at the ECFE Suite in the Community Service Center, located at 616 America Ave. Children MUST be with a parent/guardian to enjoy the show.

#### “Jammies and Books”-FREE

Community Service Center

6:00-7:30

Thursday, Feb.6

Bring the kids in their pajamas for stories, activities and a bedtime snack. Book characters come alive on this night!

#### “Ready for Kindergarten!”-FREE

Parents, of children entering kindergarten in 2014, are invited to come learn about what happens in kindergarten! A panel will address helpful transitions to kindergarten, the food service, health services, and what we can do to have our kids ready to go!

Community Service Center  
6:00-7:15  
Thursday, Feb.27

“Beat Cabin Fever with Winter Fun!”-FREE  
Bemidji High School  
10:00-12:30  
Saturday, March 29

Beat the winter blahs with fun with your friends. Join us in the pool, the gym, and commons area for fun activities. Free pizza lunch will be served from 11:00-12:30.

“Tiny Tots Expo”-FREE (donations accepted at the door)  
Boys and Girls Club  
10:00-12:00  
Saturday, April 12

Enjoy this event that features information/activities for families of young children.

“Mr. Bob brings Magic to Bemidji!”-FREE  
Bemidji High School  
5:15-7:15  
Tuesday, April 15

Come, after work, with the kids for FREE pizza supper and a magic show that your whole family will enjoy. Supper served 5:15-6:30, or until the pizza is gone!

“All Aboard for Kindergarten! “-FREE  
Children going to kindergarten in fall 2014, with their parents, are welcome to come for information about the bus and to take a ride to the elementary schools. Call 333-8329 to register.

Community Service Center  
6:00-7:00  
Thursday, May 1

“Wheels!”-FREE  
J.W. Smith School  
6:00-7:30PM  
Tuesday, May 13

See, touch, experience the many vehicles we see in our community.

Put the following info near beginning, in a box, or whatever you did before!

**SIBLING CHILD CARE**

**AVAILABLE**

Childcare is available during most class times for siblings of a child in class. We can care for children ages infant to 7 yrs. Fees for child care are \$3 per day or \$30 per semester.

Winter Semester begins Jan. 2

Registration is ongoing. Call for 333-8329 details.

**ECFE Class Fees:**

The suggested fee is on a sliding scale based on income and family size. Call 333-8329 for details. Special payment plans can be arranged for any of our classes. No one is turned away for inability to pay.