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# ST. LOUIS PARK COMMUNITY EDUCATION EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

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# Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

**Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is based on the idea that parents provide their child's first and most significant learning experiences and are their child's first and most enduring teachers. ECFE classes and programs are designed to strengthen and empower families and support the healthy growth and development of young children.**

## **Our classes include:**

- Activities for parents and children to learn together
- Circle time with songs
- Time for children to interact with one another
- Parent/caregiver discussion time
- An opportunity for families to be in community with one another



# Early Childhood Screening



Early Childhood Screening is a free check of your child's growth, development and learning. Available starting at age 3, screening can spot concerns early and connect you with support and resources to help your child thrive.

- **Social and Emotional Development** – How children feel, behave, and relate to others.
- **Fine and Gross Motor Ability** – How children move their bodies and use their hands.
- **Cognitive Development** – How children explore, learn, think, and figure out how to solve problems.
- **Communication & Language** – How children understand and communicate with others.
- **Health & Immunization History** – Updated immunization records or a notarized exemption form must be submitted.
- **Vision, Hearing & Physical Growth** – This screening helps detect potential problems but is not a substitute for comprehensive eye and ear exams.

# Early Learning Half Day Preschool and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

## What do we offer:

- 2-5 day class options
- Inclusive and integrated classrooms
- Highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals
- Tuition assistance available through Pathways II Scholarships and School Readiness funding
- Transportation available to those who qualify

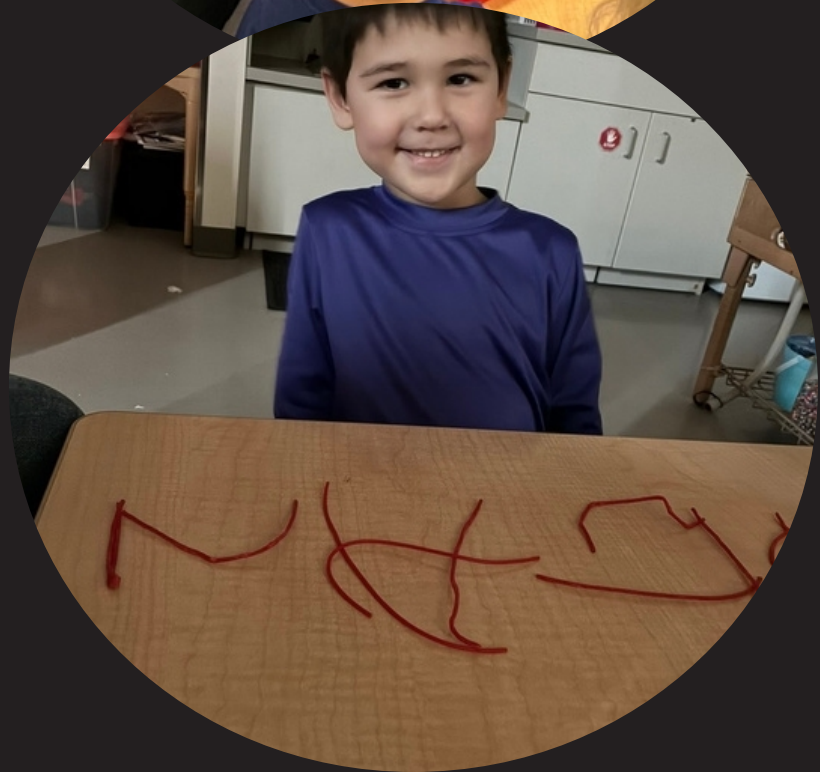


# Kids Place Preschool

**Full day preschool options for children 33 months - 5 years.**

## **Highlights from the past year:**

- Open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Inclusive and integrated classrooms
- Highly qualified teachers
- Ongoing enrollment
- Tuition assistance available through CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program) and
- Pathways I funding



# Families Served

- **Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE): 380 students**
- **Early Learning Half Day Preschool: 283**
  - (Inclusive with ECSE)
- **Kids Place Full Day Preschool: 137**



## Enrichment Opportunities

- **Mini Me Sports**
- **Let's Dance with Amy Shadis**

# A typical day in an Early Learning Preschool class includes



- Open play/choice time
- Large group time
- Small group guided instruction
- Art, music, and dramatic play
- Curriculum guided literacy, math, and science activities
- Gym and large motor play time
- Snack



# CURRICULUM

**Bridges in Mathematics** is a comprehensive PK–5 curriculum that equips teachers to fully address state standards in a rigorous, engaging, and accessible manner. Students gain a deep understanding of concepts, proficiency with key skills, and the ability to solve complex problems.

## **Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum**

Kids learn social emotional skills through...

songs  
puppets  
story cards

## **Scholastic Big Day for Pre-K Learning Without Tears**

Handwriting and Fine Motor Curriculum

## **Science Kits**

Funded by a Park Schools and Community Foundation Grant





# Family Engagement

## Early Learning Parent Advisory Council

### Highlights:

- **New this year– First ever CELC Dance Party feating our very own DJ**
- **Monthly Family events (Vehicle Fair, Fall Ball, Winter Meltdown and Playground Playdate)**
- **Uplifting and empowering all families**
- **Partnerships with Westwood Hills Nature Center and SLP High School National Honor Society members**



# THANK YOU

