

Our season has changed to Winter again in Southern Minnesota. It's time to start thinking about getting out of the house for some family entertainment. Our winter session of ECFE and special event planning has begun. We hope you will join us. Early Childhood Family Education classes recognize that parents are their child's first teacher. These classes provide an excellent opportunity for parents to work with their child in a learning environment without the distractions of home. By attending ECFE classes you will obtain ideas to expand learning experiences at home. I encourage you to take advantage of the ECFE classes provided to you by our school district.

Special events for the winter session of ECFE are: Beach Party, Country Dance Party, Bingo and Banana Splits, and Open House. These activities are family events and siblings are welcome to attend. You do not need to be attending a regular ECFE class or be enrolled in Kids Korner to participate in these special events. Mark the dates on your calendar and join the fun!

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ECFE goals:

- To support parents as their child's first teacher.
- To support parents in their child raising efforts.
- To offer information about child development and parenting techniques.
- To provide opportunities for children to discover and learn.

ECFE is:

- A fun informal place to meet, learn, and play with other parents and children.
- Designed to support parents as their child's first teacher.
- Parent/child classes that provide children with the opportunity to discover and learn.
- A learning environment without the distractions of home.
- A community education program for families with preschool children within the United South Central School District.



**STARS Mentoring Program
Success Through Adults Reaching Students**

Be a STARS in a Child's Life! Become a Mentor! A mentor is a caring adult friend and positive role model that meets with their mentee 2-4 times a month doing activities together. Group activities are also provided. Parents can request a mentor for their child, ages 7-17, who needs guidance and support. All children need a caring and trusted adult friend!

MENTORING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

For more information about our program:
Call: 507-383-5272, starsforkids@yahoo.com or STARS for Kids on Facebook; Starsforkids.org

Registration and Payment: Class sizes are limited, and registrations are accepted on a first-come basis. Registrations cannot be accepted without payment. Classes without enough participants will be cancelled and your registration fee will be refunded. A limited number of scholarships is available. Contact the Community Education Office for more information.

Payment must accompany all registrations. Please use a separate check for each activity.

Make checks payable to:
USC Community Education
600 11th Street SW, PO Box 312
Wells, MN 56097

Refunds: We will not refund class fees without 72 hours notice. Bus trips, concerts, and plays are non-refundable. Refunds will not be made after the first class meeting.

Photographs: Photos of participants in class or event settings may be taken and used in media and publications. You may decline authorization by contacting the Community Education Office.



All UCare members may take up to a \$15 discount per class on most classes. If a class is less than \$15, the member may take the class free of charge. Members must be on UCare at the time of registration, and through the duration of the class(es). Members will need to include their UCare ID number when registering. Ucare discount for senior members is limited to one \$15 discount per year.

What to expect at an ECFE class:

At ECFE, you will find a fun, informal place to meet and learn with other parents. Your child will enjoy special time with you and play with others.



Community Education Registration Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Selections

Class Date & Titles	Fee
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

For Youth Classes

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Guardian Name: _____

Please list any special needs of which we should be aware:



Early Childhood Family Education

Winter 2018 – Spring 2019



Class 1: Infants

6 month to 18 months

Enjoy special time with your little one and get to know other parents as well. It's a nice chance to meet other parents and talk about development as well as form bonds with other parents. Age appropriate materials will be provided. In this class parents are encouraged to talk and bond with one another while letting your babies interact with other children their same age. *Free*

Class length: 1 hour weekly, 4-week session

Class 2: Toddler-Twos Classes

Ages 18 months to 36 months

Enjoy special time with your little one doing lots of hands on activities. In a safe, age-appropriate setting, explore your child's world through colors, shapes, numbers, music, and fine and large motor activities. Children will be given a chance to explore sensory activities, books, manipulatives, paints, dot markers, puzzles, and Playdough. Parents and children remain the classroom together for the entire hour. The class will end with a small circle-time that will use books, movement or music for all that attend. *Free*

Class length: 1 hour weekly, 4-week session

ECFE Important Dates/Special Events

January 7 th 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Beach Party USC Commons FREE
February 4 th 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Country Dance Party USC Commons, FREE
February 26 th	ECFE Classes Begin
March 22 nd 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Bingo & Banana Splits USC Commons, FREE
April 2 nd	Preschool Open House

Advisory Council If you are interested in participating in the Advisory Council, please contact the Community Education Office. The USC Community Education Advisory Council represents the communities in the USC school district and is vital to the community education process. We would like representation from all communities within the district. The board meets regularly to gather input, assess needs, evaluate services, and give direction regarding Community Education.

ECFE WINTER 2019 REGISTRATION FORM

Class 1: Infants

Ages: 6 months to 18 months

Dates: Mondays, February 25th- March 18th

4:30pm to 5:30pm

Class 2: Toddlers and Twos

Ages: 18 months to age 36 months

Dates: Mondays, February 25th- March 18th

6:00pm to 7:00pm

Child's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

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Parent/Guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/Work Phone: _____

Classes are
FREE
Registration Deadline:
February 12, 2019

ECFE Lending Library

We have many book packets and backpacks ready for check-out. All packs include a book and theme-based activities.



These packets are available for check out at no charge to anyone who is participating in an ECFE class this school year. These packets are to be completed as a parent/child activity.

Is your family included on the school district census? Have you recently moved into town or the surrounding area? Is there a new family in your neighborhood?

ISD 2134 wants all families with young children to know about our programs and activities. Being on the school census also ensures that you will receive information regarding Early Childhood Screening and the Kids Korner Preschool program.

In addition, because funding for Early Childhood programs is based on the number of children on our census, it is important that everyone be counted.

To be added to the census, please call the school office: 553-3134.

_____ we plan on attending the Beach Party Event
(yes or no) Estimate of family members attending _____

_____ we plan on attending the Country Dance Party
(yes or no) Estimate of family members attending _____

_____ we plan on attending the Bingo & Banana Splits
(yes or no) Estimate of family members attending _____