



# EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION



♥ ♥ PARENT - CHILD CENTER ♥ ♥  
775 School Road South, 320-587-8908

When it's too cold for children to go outside to play, winter days can seem awfully long. Make wintertime fun and educational by registering for a class at our parent-child center. We offer classes for families with children ages birth to kindergarten. During class, parents share their joys and challenges and discuss issues important to them with other parents while children are engaged in fun learning activities with licensed early childhood teachers.  
Our first priority is you and your child!

~ ECFE STAFF ~

- ♥ ECFE Coordinator: Cindy Wendorff
- ♥ Educators: Lisa Ditlefson, Irene Schwartz, Kathryn Vesely, Mary Myers-Reinarts
- ♥ Educational Assistants: Amy Kirchoff, Jamie Plamann, Tara Russell
- ♥ Shift working families are welcome— adjusted fees.
- ♥ Children of varying abilities are welcome.
- ♥ **Sibling Care** is available to make it possible for parents to have a special time with one child. The cost for sibling care is \$1 per class.
- ♥ Home visits are available upon request.
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- ♥ ♥Provide one-on-one time
- ♥ ♥Help nurture child development.
- ♥ ♥Help parents learn new parenting skills.
- ♥ ♥Put parents in touch with community resources
- ♥ ♥Give parents an opportunity to discuss their needs and the needs of their children.
- ♥ **REGISTRATION:** Can be by phone, mail, internet or in person. Registration will be determined by a lottery system on Friday, January 15th. Registrations received after January 15th will be first come, first serve. **If none of the scheduled class times work for you, please call 587-8908.**
- ♥ ♥All classes are held at the ECFE Parent/Child Center.
- ♥ ♥**Class confirmations are not sent.** You are registered unless you are notified that the class is cancelled.
- ♥ ♥ Please bring your children's immunization records on the first day of class.
- ♥ FEES: All class fees are due before February 12th unless special arrangements are made. Scholarships are available. No one will be denied participation due to hardship. Please make checks payable to Hutchinson Public Schools.

## Baby Steps

**Newborn to 8 months OR Newborn to 12 months OR 9 to 16 months**

Your baby's brain is developing rapidly during the first six months of life; especially stimulated by sights, sounds, music, language, touch and eye contact. The experiences provided by parents during the first three years can help determine a child's ability to learn. Bring your baby and learn about his/her development while you learn new songs and games to play with your baby. You will have the opportunity to meet other parents and share joys and challenges of parenthood. **NOTE: The coupon received from ECFE when your baby was born will be used for full payment of this class.**



## 11 WEEK CLASSES

**W101 (Newborn-8 months)**

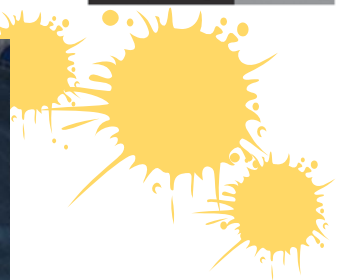
Begins Monday, February 1: 1:00-2:00 pm

**W201 (Newborn-12 months)**

Begins Monday, February 1: 4:30-5:30 pm

**Fee: \$33 (11 classes)**

**This class is being funded in cooperation with United Way of McLeod County**



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## WONDERFUL BUSY ONES (12-24 months)

This class is for parents and young toddlers who are not quite ready to separate from their parent during class time. There is playtime together, snack, and parent discussion in the parent/child room. Topics are selected by the parents and may include emotional and physical development, tantrums, and sleep habits. Share the joys and challenges as you explore the world through your toddler's wide open eyes and busy bodies!

### 13 WEEK CLASSES

**W401** Begins Thursday, February 4: 9:00-10:30 am

**W501** Begins Thursday, February 4: 4:30-6:00 pm

**Fee: \$39 (13 classes)**

**Sibling Care Fee: \$1 per class**



## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Minnesota law **requires** an early childhood developmental screening for every child before entering kindergarten. Screening clinics are free and will be held in Hutchinson on January 15; February 12 & 19; March 1; and April 8, 2016. If your child is between 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 years of age, please call 587-8908 to set up an appointment.

## TODDLERS (17-30 months)

Parents and toddlers enjoy rolling balls, tossing bean bags, pushing toys, climbing, sliding and running! Parents and children gather for short group times to use the parachute, read books, sing songs and have snack time. Parents separate for a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and share joys and challenges of family life. A parent educator facilitates the discussion which includes safety, physical and emotional development and tantrums; as well as any other parent requests.

### 13 WEEK CLASSES

**W601** Begins Tuesday, February 2; 9-10:30am

**W701** Begins Tuesday, February 2; 10:45am-12:15pm

**W801** Begins Tuesday, February 2; 4:30-6pm

**FEE: \$39 (13 classes)**

### 12 WEEK CLASS

**W901** Begins Wednesday, February 3: 9-10:30am

**FEE: \$36 (12 classes)**

**Sibling Care Fee: \$1 per class**



## MOPPETS (30-48 months)

Your amazing 3 yr old is beginning to make friends, develop musically and artistically, and accomplish tasks not possible at age two. Parent discussions are more enjoyable for parents as children usually separate more easily. Participants choose the topics for discussion which generally include setting limits, sharing, rules, and playing with friends.

### 11 WEEK CLASS

**W1001** Begins Monday, February 1: 9:00-10:30 am

**Fee: \$33 (11 classes)**

### 13 WEEK CLASSES

**W1101** Begins Tuesday, February 2: 6:30-8:00pm

**W1201** Begins Thursday, February 4: 10:45am-12:15pm

**Fee: \$39 (13 classes)**

**Sibling Care Fee: \$1 per class**

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## ONE PLUS ONE (3 1/2 years-Kindergarten)

### Two Days A Week !

Take advantage of this opportunity. Day one is a parent/child day where parents attend class with their child and participate in a variety of activities. Parents also have a time to meet together with a parent educator to share joys, challenges and issues concerning raising a preschooler. Day two is a day when children attend class without their parents and enjoy fun learning activities that encourage their independence and stimulate their physical, intellectual, and social development.

On Mondays/Tuesdays, children and parents attend together. On Wednesdays/Thursdays, children come alone. Children must be toilet trained to attend this class. There is NO sibling care on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



### 11/12 WEEK CLASS

**W1601** Begins Monday, February 1st: 10:45am-12:15pm  
Wednesday, February 3rd : 10:45am-12:15pm

**Children come alone on Wednesdays**

**Fee: \$69 session (11/12 week classes)**

### 13 WEEK CLASS

**W1701** Begins Tuesday, February 2:  
1:00-2:30 pm

Thursday, February 4: 1:00-2:30 pm

**Fee: \$78 (13 classes)**

**Children come alone on Thursdays**

**Sibling Fee: \$1/class available Mondays & Tuesdays**



## ★ 3'S, 4'S AND 5'S (48 months-Kindergarten) ★

★ Children at this age enjoy learning and exploring with their peers. Opportunities to grow and experiment will be provided through numerous learning centers. This group has the longest separation time when parents discuss "big-kid" topics like respect and responsibility. ★

### ★ 13 WEEK CLASS ★

★ **W1401** Begins Thursday, February 4: 6:30 -8:00pm

★ **Fee: \$39 (13 classes)**

★ **Sibling Care Fee: \$1 per class**



## SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY 2016!!

**WHAT: FROZEN FRIDAYS**

**WHEN:** Friday, January 8 AND  
Friday, January 22, 6:00-8:00 pm

**WHERE:** West Elementary Gym

**WHO:** Families with children birth to kindergarten

**FEE:** \$5 per family per night

**No advance registration needed.**

Do you have children who need to use up extra energy? These special times at the West Elementary Gym let kids run, jump, play with hoops, balls, parachutes, tunnels, and lots more. Part of the excitement will include special activities created by Ridgewater early childhood students, science experiments and door prizes! Come and enjoy energetic evenings with your family!

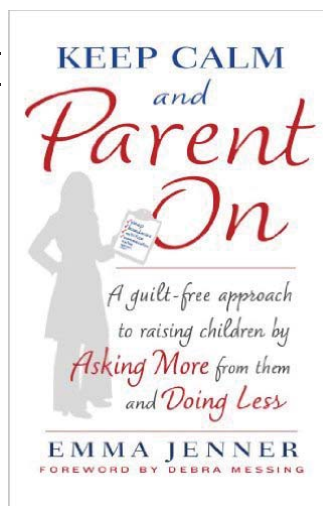
## SPECIAL MORNINGS FOR MOMS!!!

- ♥ Tuesdays in January: January 12, 19, 26th  
9:00-10:30 am **OR** 10:45 am-12:15 pm
- ♥ Join us as we take a look at Emma Jenner's book **"Keep Calm and Parent On"**

**A guilt-free approach to raising children by asking more from them and doing less!**

- ♥ Childcare and morning munchies will be provided.

**FEE: \$15 - Call 587-8908 to register!!!!**



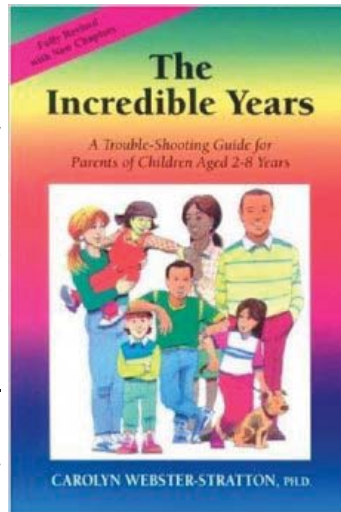
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## INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING CLASS!!

Come and join us for a research-based program for families who want to learn how to figure out those challenging parenting struggles. This class focuses on strategies that build relationships and social competence. The class is video based with snacks and childcare provided!!



Friday mornings February 19th to April 15th  
9-10:45am.

FEE: \$24 for 8 classes (scholarships available)

## CALLING ALL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS!!

Take advantage of this opportunity to get connected with provider and parent resources and children's activities brought right to your door! Visits begin in January, 2016! Call Cindy @ 587-8908 to reserve your spot! Weekly visits are one hour and credit hours are earned!

Funded by your local United Way!



## FIELD TRIPS FOR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS!!!!

Field trips to our ECFE center for providers & children are scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9-10:30am in January 2016. Call 587-8908 or email [ecfe@hutchtel.net](mailto:ecfe@hutchtel.net) to reserve a spot. Field trips are free of charge and transportation is available. **These exciting learning opportunities are sponsored by your local United Way!!**



## CENSUS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT #423

Are you new to Hutchinson??  
Do you have a child 0-5 yr old?  
Please call 234-2610 for information on how to connect!!

## HUGE INDOOR GARAGE SALE !!



Everything you'll ever need for your children from maternity to teenager.

Sponsored by ECFE  
\$1 Donation suggested

**Saturday, April 30th, 2016**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Hutchinson Recreation Center  
900 Harrington St. SW  
Hutchinson, MN**

Would you like to rent a table (or 2 or 3) and sell your items at our sale?

**Contact Cindy at (320) 587-8908 by  
April 2, 2016**

Please drop off children's toy and clothing donations before April 30th.

Table rental fees will be donated to Hutchinson Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE).

**Profits from your sales are yours to keep!**



## EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM

Mail your completed registration form and fee to:

**Early Childhood Family Education  
875 School Road S, Hutchinson, MN 55350  
... or call 320-587-8908.**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class # \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sibling Care? \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class # \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sibling Care? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_