## FALL 2024 Ogilvie Early Childhood Family Education

### **Class/Registration Information**

Contact Trisha Kotsmith with any questions regarding Ogilvie's Early Childhood Programs: 320-272-5050 ext 126 or tkotsmith@ogilvie.k12.mn.us





#### Why Participate in ECFE?

Because children do not come with instructional manuals and google doesn't know your unique gifted child!

#### What Happens During ECFE?

Parent discussion groups, play and learning activities for children, parent-child activities, special events for the entire family, community resource information for families and young children, and libraries of books, toys and other learning materials!



#### **Messy Monday Mornings**

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Kids love messy play ~ parents typically do not! Let Ogilvie ECFE provide the materials, the space, and the clean up for messy play. Each session children will have the chance to explore in a variety of sensory play activities as well as traditional play materials. Parents/caregivers will receive play and skill development handouts full of ideas to use at home.

Messy Mornings will be the last Monday of most months: September 30, October 28, November 25 January 27, February 24, March 31, & April 28 NO Registration Required: Enter through the elem. doors Pay when you arrive ~ \$3 per child/day



#### **Insurance Discounts Available**

If you or your child is a current member of South Country Health Alliance -SCHA will reimburse Ogilvie for your ECFE fees!



You can enjoy Ogilvie's ECFE benefits for a discounted rate or FREE by providing us with a copy of your SCHA identification card(s) with your registration forms. SCHA will cover the full cost of ECFE parent/child classes.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to participate in classes and/or events that will strengthen the relationship between you and your child (ren).

#### Wednesday Evening Fall Stay N Play

6 Wednesdays this fall 6:00 - 7:30 pm**Room 119** Sept 18, Sept 25, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13

Need something for your little bundle of energy to do this fall? Or, are you looking for a safe, low-key environment where your child can play with other children and you can meet other area parents?

Ogilvie ECFE is opening up the PreK 3 or PreK 4 classrooms for some good old Play Time! If you are looking for play and social interactions for your toddler - preschool age child(ren), consider attending a Stay-N-Play session. Toys will be out to play with, a few themed activities, and there will be a mini story time as well. This is a non-separating class; parents will stay in the room with their child(ren).

#### NO Registration Required: Enter through the elem. doors Pay when you arrive ~ \$3 per child/class





#### **GET COUNTED! -**

Make sure your child is counted on Ogilvie's birth—before kindergarten census—this allows the school to provide you with important early childhood information such as Preschool and ECFE classes along with Kindergarten information when your child reaches Kindergarten age.

Contact Trisha Kotsmith to make sure your child is on the census list, also share this information with a friend so their child(ren) receives all of Ogilvie's Early Childhood information. Your information will ONLY be used for mailings regarding early childhood and kindergarten information. 320-272-5050 ext 126 or tkotsmith@ogilvie.k12.mn.us



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#### 100 Acre Wood NaturVentures

Join Ogilvie ECFE for an outdoor fall adventure at the 100 Acre Wood! We will be there from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Arrive when you can, and enjoy an early evening at the pumpkin patch! Some of the activities include: mud kitchen, hayrides, corn pit, farm animals, hay structures, & more! Each child will receive a FREE pumpkin to take home. ECFE will provide a FREE bag supper for each child as well!

Wednesday, October 2nd
Cost: \$7/person (2 years & under FREE)
MUST register & pay by Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>
QR Code for 100 Acre Registration





#### **Upcoming ECFE Pool & Pizza**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 19 and Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> for Pool & Pizza time geared for families with young kiddos (Children birth – kindergarten and their families). We will splash around in Ogilvie's newly remodeled pool from 3:00-4:30 pm and then enjoy a pizza meal in the cafeteria. Preregistration is required; however, payment is not due until the day of the event. More info will be sent to registered families as the date(s) approach.

\$5 per person ~ family cap of \$30

**QR Code for Pizza & Pool Registration** 

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#### **Early Childhood Resources for Your Family**

ECFE Home Visits: Would you like to participate in ECFE, but can't come to us? This service is for families with children birth to kindergarten entrance. An ECFE educator will come to your home to share information about issues and questions that you have concerning your child. Call 320-272-5050 ex.t 126 for more information.

Help Me Grow: ECFE is a proud sponsor of a new parent website. Www.helpmegrowmn.org offers Minnesota parents a convenient source for trusted information on child learning, development, health and safety. The Minnesota Department of Education in partnership with state and national leaders and researchers in early childhood education and health developed this resource. With research-based information and extensive input from Minnesota parents, this website is designed to address specific parent needs. Www.helpmegrowmn.org

ParentPowered Texts: At home with your young children? Now is the perfect time to try our free Think Small ParentPowered Texts. You'll receive three text messages a week offering fun facts and at-home learning activities. <a href="https://www.thinksmall.org/about\_think\_small/texts/">https://www.thinksmall.org/about\_think\_small/texts/</a>

#### Exciting Announcement ~ FREE books for your young child!

Ogilvie Public Schools is now a local partner with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to offer FREE books to children birth to 5 years in the 56358-zip code! We are super excited about this opportunity for our area families. A special THANK YOU to Friends of the Mora Library & the Ogilvie Lions Club for being funding partners with us.

To enroll your child(ren) in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library visit this link or stop by the Elementary Office to complete an enrollment form:

https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/MNOGILVIE/



#### **Early Childhood Screening**

Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how children are doing between the ages of 3 to 4 years. It identifies, at an early stage, possible learning or health concerns so that children can get needed help before starting school. <a href="Early Childhood Screening"><u>Early Childhood Screening is not a kindergarten entrance test.</u></a> Early Childhood Screening or evidence of a comparable screening by a non-school provider (e.g., Head Start, Child &

Teen Checkups/EPSDT or a health care provider) is <u>required for entrance in Minnesota's public schools or within 30 days of enrollment into kindergarten.</u>

Contact Mrs. Kotsmith to make your screening appointment today: 320-272-5050 ext 126

2024 – 2025 Screening Dates: August 22, October 14, March 17, & May 22



Ogilvie Early Childhood Facebook Page

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