

# Southland Play & Learn

## Preschool Information



Dear Families,

The Southland School District offers a preschool opportunity for 3 year olds that is under the umbrella of ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education). There will be two offerings for class times. There will be a class that meets once a week and another that meets for two days a week for this upcoming school year. Each class focuses on social skills, sharing and developing independence. An additional component of the class is that families (parent(s) and child(ren)) are encouraged to attend monthly ECFE Activity Nights, ranging from Halloween Parties to Game/Movie Nights.

The fees for each class are as follows: the once a week class will be \$40 a month or \$360 for the year, and the twice a week class will be \$80 a month or \$720 for the year. Classes will be filled on a first come basis. Please return your \$25.00 registration fee with your registration form by May 1st to secure your child's spot in a class. If you need financial assistance, please talk to Ms. Laura, the Early Childhood Coordinator. There are scholarships available for families that qualify. There will also be a milk fee determined by what class your child attends and milk prices in the fall.

**Play and Learn Class** - Thursday Morning from 8:00-11:00 am, \$40/month

Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons from 12:00-3:00 pm, \$80/month

**ECFE Family Nights** - Monthly Activities—dates will vary, Free Will Donations

The Southland Early Childhood program has received a four-star Parent Aware rating from the state of Minnesota. This is the highest rating and we strive to offer quality experiences for our youngest learners. In order to do this, **your child must have turned 3 years old and be potty-trained before starting a class.** This is to make sure that as much classroom learning can happen as possible. Because of these requirements, this is a great introduction to school for our first time learners! They make friends through play and have circle times with stories, songs, games and learning activities. They truly Play and Learn together!

Transportation is also available throughout the school year. Children on bus routes may ride the school bus with an older sibling or bus buddy. If the bus does not go by your home, you have the option of getting on or off at a stop that is within the district limits and close to you. In addition, transportation will also be provided from licensed daycares for mid-day pick-up/drop-off. Please indicate on the registration form if your child will need transportation and where they will need to get picked-up/dropped-off at. There will be some adjustments made on the present bus routes and mid-day transportation over the summer.

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Parents will be notified in August as to routes and times of pick-up/drop-off. It's suggested that you ask a 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader that rides your route bus to assist your preschooler on the bus ride. This person will be their bus buddy on the bus for the entire school year.

Conferences will be held prior to starting school. This way I can learn about your child and get to know them before the school year begins! **Please watch your email** for information regarding class sessions and details about signing up for a conference time.

If your child is new to attending school, please also fill out the "Census Information Sheet" and return that with your registration papers. This helps us to identify all the children in our district.

**\*\*Registration begins today. You may register in person at the EC Center before May 1<sup>st</sup>. or register by mail until all classes are filled. Please return the Registration Form and the \$25 registration fee. Please feel free to give Ms. Laura a call or e-mail if you have any questions\*\***

*\*\*Your registration check will not be cashed until after July 1<sup>st</sup>. We must wait until the registration falls under the correct fiscal year. So please know that your check will be kept safe until the appropriate time to be cashed\*\**

*I hope you will be able to join us for the  
2024-2025 school year!!*

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