## EARLY LEARNING & FAMILY EDUCATION

Jordan Public Schools offers early childhood education and preschool opportunities for all families with children between the ages of birth to age five. We recognize that families provide children's first and most important learning environments and parents are children's first and most significant teachers.

Our Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs offer a variety of services and activities to bring families together to share the joys and challenges of parenthood and develop confidence in their own abilities. Our preschool programs ensure children enter kindergarten with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful in future learning.

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and look forward to the many fun opportunities being offered this winter. Our Family Fun Night held late this fall boasted a great turn out. It was an enjoyable experience to see our families and engage with our early childhood staff outside of the classroom setting.

For general preschool or ECFE questions, please contact our ELS office at 952-492-3233.

Sincerely,

Jenna Wendorff
Director, Early Learning Services

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# EARLY LEARNING INTERVENTIONS

Did You Know?

The Jordan Public School believes that early education and interventions are the foundation of all learning.

Along with our *Parent Aware Rated* preschool and ECFE

programs, we also offer early intervention services

**to families with children birth to Kindergarten**, ensuring even our youngest are reaching their milestones and receive help **when extra help is needed**.

### Birth to 3 Intervention

Our Early Intervention staff will provide a system of services that help babies and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities. Based on the family needs and priorities, the school staff will help the family problem solve and give information and ideas of activities they can do to enhance play and daily routines. They also help to connect families with community resources and supports as needed.

For more call (952) 492-4212.

#### Age 3–6 Intervention

The Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Preschool **Program** provides learning experiences in all areas of development including social, self help, motor, communication, and cognitive skills. Children who have been identified with a developmental delay can benefit from many types of services within the ECSE classroom including speech, occupational, physical and vision therapies and assistive technology. ECSE services can also be provided in an inclusive setting within the regular preschool program offered in our Elementary School (Early Explorers Preschool).

For more call (952) 492-4285.

#### **Preschool Screening**

### Has your three year old been screened?

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See page 13 for dates and registration information.

For more call (952) 492-3233.



### **Help Me Grow**



The Jordan Public School District is one of six districts who are served through the HELP ME GROW-SCOTT COUNTY early intervention system for children ages Birth through five. HELP ME GROW-SCOTT COUNTY focuses on child and family strengths, needs and priorities. We recognize that your family is the first and best teacher of your child and that children learn best through play. We work to enhance and support your family's knowledge as you help your child learn and develop throughout daily activities and routines.

This service is offered at no cost to the parent/care giver regardless of income or immigrant status and will provide information, support, and referral services to families of children with special needs. If you are concerned about your child's growth, development, or learning, please call 492-4285.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION



### **Busy Babies**

#### Ages 6 weeks to 12 months/walking

Come spend time with other parents and babies! Learn new songs, fingerplays, games, and some baby sign language! We will focus on a different theme for each session and you will leave equipped with many new ideas for your little one!

### WINTER SESSIONS – 2 OPTIONS – CHOOSE ONE 10 WEEK SESSION or CHOOSE ONE 5 WEEK SESSION!!

#### SESSION 1 - 10 WEEK OPTION

Fridays, Jan 10 - Mar 13; 9:15am — 10:15am \$120/ session, ECFE Classroom

**Reg by Jan 3**; Sibling Care: \$3 child/ class

#### SESSION 2 – 5 WEEK OPTION

Fridays, Jan 10 - Feb 7; 9:15am — 10:15am \$60/ session, ECFE Classroom

Reg by Jan 3; Sibling Care: \$3 child/ class

### SESSION 3 - 5 WEEK OPTION

Fridays, Feb 14 - Mar 13; 9:15am — 10:15am \$60/ session, ECFE Classroom

Reg by Feb 7; Sibling Care: \$3 child/ class

### Ones and Twos Together

#### Ages 1 and 2 (must be walking)

Children and their parents are invited to spend time playing together while they learn. Each class will include learning stations, circle time, and a child-only class experience. During this time, children stay and play with the Licensed Early Childhood Teacher and assistant while parents go to meet with a Parent Educator to discuss topics helpful to this age group. Classes will also include informal parent discussion on topics suggested by parents during the first class.

#### WINTER SESSION - 9 WEEKS

Mondays AM, Jan 6 - Mar 16 (no Jan 20 and Feb 17); 8:30am — 10am

\$99/ session, ECFE Classroom

Reg by Dec 30; Sibling Care: \$3 child/ class

# Play & Learn for Kids and their Grown Ups

Ages 1 to 5 years

Enjoy an hour of activities designed especially for your toddler's level of development! We'll do songs, art and interactive play to encourage language development and motor skills. There is no parent/child separation for this class.

#### **WINTER SESSION - 9 WEEKS**

Monday PM, Jan 6 - Mar 16 (no Jan 20 and Feb 17) 5:45pm - 6:45pm \$99, ECFE Classroom

Reg by Dec 30

No sibling care available for PM class

# Preschool with Training Wheels

Ages 3 to 5 years (Must turn 3 by February 1st, 2020 AND be fully potty trained)

This class helps prepare your child for their future preschool classes, but still gives the parents an opportunity to connect! *Monday* will be a child-only class where you drop your child off for class and give them the chance to experience being a preschooler. *Friday* will be treated as a typical ECFE class; spending time with your child during the first half of class and then separate into a parent class with our Parent Educator for the second half. Join us in this new adventure and sign up for *Preschool with Training Wheels*!

#### WINTER SESSION

Mon/Fri, Jan 6 - Mar 16 (no Jan 20 and Feb 17) 10:30am - 12pm \$209, ECFE Classroom

Reg by Dec 30; Sibling Care: \$3 child/ class

Call the Early Learning Services Office with all ECFE questions! 952-492-3233

Preregistration is necessary for all ECFE Classes. Para hablar con alguien en español acerca de esta informacion, por favor, llame a Maria Bahe (492-4349).



# DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

#### Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

Enjoy some Frozen fun with Elsa, Anna and Olaf! Come join and play games, sing Frozen songs, and make Frozen art!

Friday, Jan 24; 6pm - 7pm \$10/ child and adult, ECFE Classroom **Reg by Jan 18** 





## ELS-PTO LUAU DANCE PARTY!

Friday, February 21 | 6pm - 8pm | JES Gym

Come dance the winter cold away at the PTO Luau Dance Party!

Music is provided by Kidsdance. The Luau Dance Party is open to the public and for children ages 0-5 and their families. Feeling extra festive? Come dressed in your favorite summer or tropical attire. This FREE event is hosted by the Jordan Early Learning Services PTO.



# PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Whether registered or considering a preschool for the 2020-2021 school year, we'd love to meet your preschooler on this exciting night!... Meet and greet staff / Hear how your child will experience a typical day at preschool / Tour spaces / Meet future preschool friends! / and more!

Tuesday, February 25 at JES Multi Purpose Room (enter ELS) 5pm – 6pm



**Early Explorers**, a Parent Aware 4-Star Rated Program, is a caring, warm and happy place for preschoolers to learn and grow. Our preschool offers an expanded traditional curriculum in a preK-4 setting. This means learning beyond the traditional preschool room! To prepare for Kindergarten and beyond, *your child will be oriented to the amenities of* 

our elementary school - art, music, gym, media center, outdoor STEAM exploration, and a hot lunch option for full-day preschool.

**Early Explorers** activities include circle time, art, music and movement, story time, stations, a library day and a snack. We have a literacy-based curriculum that incorporates the SMART room, iPad Small Group Time, Handwriting without Tears and SMART board activities, meeting State Indicators of Progress, Kindergarten Readiness, and field trips through the year. Personal and social wellness is nurtured through the Pyramid Model — a positive intervention strategy supporting social-emotional well being of child. Our inclusive classrooms recognize the diversity of students, enabling all students to access the curriculum, fully participate in learning activities and demonstrate their knowledge and strengths at assessment.

Registration fee \$70
Online Registration for 2020-2021 begins Tuesday, March 3, 2020!
www.bit.ly/preschool\_reg

### 2020-2021 FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL:

 Age 4 and 5 (Turning 5 year during 2020-2021 school year)

 Mon/Wed/Fri
 8:30am - 2:30pm / \$323 month

 Mon/Wed
 8:30am - 2:30pm / \$215 month

 Tues/Thurs
 8:30am - 2:30pm / \$215 month



### 2020-2021 HALF-DAY PRESCHOOL:

**Age 4 and 5** (*Turning 5 year during 2020-2021 school year*) Mon – Thurs 12:00pm – 3:00pm / \$215 month

**Age 3 and 4** (Turning 4 year during 2020-2021 school year)

Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30am - 11:00am / \$165 month **NEW TIME!**Tues/Thurs 8:30am - 11:00am / \$115 month **NEW TIME!** 

### IS BEFORE OR AFTER PRESCHOOL CARE AN ISSUE?

Are you looking for wrap around care for your preschool child?

Take advantage of our in-house extended daycare program!

**Early Ed-Ventures** is a program designed to provide a safe and positive environment in cooperation with Early Explorers Preschool.

To enroll in Early Ed-Ventures, your student must be enrolled in preschool.

# WRAP-AROUND EXTENDED CARE

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Preschool Extended Care

**Early Ed-Ventures** is a **wrap-around in-house daycare program** designed to provide a safe and positive environment in cooperation with Early Explorers Preschool.

**Early Ed-Ventures** is housed at the Jordan Elementary School. Early Ed-Ventures has planned activities designed to meet each child's physical, emotional, social and developmental needs. This is a great option for families that wish to have extended care or have difficulty with transportation before or after preschool. **To enroll in Early Ed-Ventures, your student must be enrolled in Early Explorers preschool.** 

**Early Ed-Ventures FEES:** 

Non-refundable registration fee of \$50 per year

Full Day: \$37

**VISIT our website for more:** 

jordan.k12.mn.us/earlyedventures

To enroll for the 2020-2021 school year, please call (952) 492-4261 for a registration packet.

## **EARLY LEARNING PTO**



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**Early Learning Services PTO** 

### When are the meetings?

 The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:15pm in the ELS parent room. Meetings are open to anyone with a child in the ELS program; contact ELS at (952)492-3233 with questions.

#### What is the ELS PTO Advisory Council?

- This group is dedicated to supporting the students and staff at ELS. We are a group of parents that volunteer to enhance the student's educational experience with time, effort, concern, and funds. We are always looking for parents who would like to volunteer.
- The funds we raise are used to provide field trips, support ELS programming, purchase supplies and equipment, and offer events for the families in the program.

#### Why should you join?

- You can take an active part in your child's education.
- It is a great way to meet new friends and other parents.
- You can give back by offering your time and talents.



Winter 2019 ELS-PTO Pajama Party! So much fun!

# **EMAIL** jordanelspto@gmail.com



### **Our PTO Members**

Danielle Tieben - President Amanda Franklin - Treasurer Rebecca Consoer - Secretary Daedra Ahlbrecht Bethany Doepke Samantha Friendshuh Thao Habeck Becky Knight Katie Koepp Angie Lederle Marie Wignall Bridget Wolf

## SCHOLARSHIPS, SIB CARE, & SCREENING

# Scholarships Available Sliding Fee Scale

Fees help cover the costs for each class. No family will be turned away due to inability to pay. Reduced rates and scholarships are available. Call (952) 492-3233 for information on scholarships or reduced fees. If your income is less than these guidelines, you are eligible for waived or reduced fees.

Annual Income							
House Size	Under 15K	15- 25K	25- 45K	45- 85K	85K		
2-3	1/2	3/4	Full	Full	Full		
4-5	1/4	1/2	3/4	Full	Full		
6-7	\$30	1/4	1/2	3/4	Full		
8+	\$10	\$30	1/4	1/2	3/4		

La ayuda de honorarios cubre los gastos para cada clase. Ninguna familia será girada lejos debido a la inhabilidad de pagar. Los precios reducidos y las becas están disponibles. *Llame (952) 492-3233 para la información en becas o honorarios reducidos*. Si sus ingresos son menos que estas pautas, usted es elegible para honorarios renunciados o reducidos.

Ingrueso Anual							
En Casa	Bajo 15 Mil	15-25 Mil	25-45 Mil	45-85 Mil	85 Mil		
2-3	50%	75%	100%	100%	100%		
4-5	25%	50%	75%	100%	100%		
6-7	\$30	25%	50%	75%	100%		
8+	\$10	\$30	25%	50%	75%		

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Todos los niños entre las edades de 3-5 tienen que pasar por la investigación preescolar (preschool screening) requerido por el estado de Minnesota.

Visit our website for info: jordan.k12.mn.us/screening

### SCREENING DATES

Friday, December 13 Friday, January 10 Friday, February 21 Friday, March 13 Friday, April 17 Friday, May 8

### **Sibling Care Policy**

No older or younger siblings are to be in the classroom during class time. ECFE offers sibling care for brothers and sisters ages birth to Kindergarten of registered children.

Sibling Care Cost per Weeks: \$3 per session

#### **Reminders:**

- Drop in care must be called in before class and is not guaranteed available.
- All siblings must also have a current immunization record on file.
- Sibling care is not available for evening classes.

Preregistration is necessary for all ECFE Classes. Para hablar con alguien en español acerca de esta informacion, por favor, llame a Maria Bahe (492-4349).

# REGISTRATION PAYMENTS & REMINDERS

### Register & Pay Online

Jordan Community Ed & Rec uses a class registration and payment system called ACTIVE Net. As a part of the Community Ed & Rec, all Early Learning Services programming to include ECFE and preschool will now use this system for registration and payment.

### How to sign up for a Community Ed & Rec ACTIVE Net account?

- 1. Go to www.jordan.k12.mn.us
- 2. Under "Community Ed & Rec", choose "Class Registration & Payment"
- 3. Choose "Sign Up" (blue button)

## How to sign up for Community Ed & Rec classes using ACTIVE Net?

- Go to www.jordan.k12.mn.us
- 2. Under "Community Ed & Rec", choose "Class Registration & Payment"
- 3. Log into your account
- 4. Choose from "Activities" along top grey bar
- Select "See All Categories" (see picture)
- Select "Early Childhood" under age categories (see picture)

### ACTIVE Net on Smartphone!

Look for the ACTIVE Net icon on the updated "Jordan Public Schools" smartphone app. Quick access to paying on your smartphone when needed!

### **ACTIVE** Net on the web!



### **Reminder:**

A **\$20.00** administrative fee will be charged for withdrawing from a class. Refunds for classes or special events must be requested 5 working days prior to the start of class or event. No refunds will be granted after this date. Please register at least one week prior to the start of class or special event.

### **ECFE Location:**

ECFE classes are held in the Jordan Early
Learning Services wing at the Jordan Elementary
School. The classrooms are located in the southwest corner of the building. Park on the southwest side, and enter through the main doors,
turning right after entering the building.

### Please Note:

- Phone registrations will be guaranteed only after payment has been received.
- Please notify our office of cancellations at least 3
  working days prior to first class meeting in order to
  receive a refund. No refunds are given for missed classes.
  No refunds on either special events or classes will be
  given after registration deadlines unless an event has
  been cancelled. A \$20.00 administrative fee will be
  charged for withdrawing from a class.
- Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. In order to hold a class, a minimum of five families must be registered. You ARE registered unless notified otherwise.
- Jordan ELS requires all students to have a current birth certificate, immunizations, photo release, and state enrollment forms on record. These forms must be on record before the second class in a series.

## KIDS' COMPANY BEFORE & AFTER CARE



Kids' Company is a program designed to provide a safe, supervised, recreational and enriching environment before and after school for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade held in Jordan Elementary School.

We offer a designated room that provides comfort and an abundance of games, toys, and crafts. We offer a gym that allows the children to improve on large

motor skills playing soccer,

bowling, tag, jump rope, or simply building a fort. We have access to an on-site playground where the children can climb, slide, or swing.

Kids' Company is also available in the summer with some awesome activities and planned trips!





### **Kids' Company HOURS:**

6:00am - 8:00am - School days

2:45pm - 6:00pm — School days

6:00am - 6:00pm — No school days

Not open holiday break & spring break

### **Kids' Company FEES:**

6:00am - 8:00am S9

2:45pm - 4:30pm \$9

2:45pm - 6:00pm \$12

Non-refundable registration fee of \$50 per year / \$100 per family

For more information, contact Kids' Company: 952-492-4261 or kidsco@isd717.org