

The Ortonville Early Childhood Family Education staff invites parents/caregivers to spend some quality time with their birth through five year old (not yet in kindergarten) children and chat with other parents about the joys and challenges of parenting. For children, ECFE is a great opportunity to meet other kids, practice social skills and have fun learning. For parents, ECFE is a chance to spend time with your child in a fun atmosphere, as well as a great opportunity to meet other parents and exchange ideas. Check out our variety of class options! All classes take place in Preschool Room (through outside Door Number 11). Please pre-register for classes by contacting Laura Lamb at 839-7100 or [laura.lamb@ortonville.k12.mn.us](mailto:laura.lamb@ortonville.k12.mn.us). Fees for all classes may be waived for families who are unable to pay

#### Fall 2009 Class Schedule:

##### Tiny Tots

Ages: Birth-2 Years

Dates: 4 Mondays, beginning September 28

Time: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Laura Lamb

Come with your littlest children to meet other parents, babies and toddlers! Babies and toddlers are ready to discover the world! This class will include a brief period of structured Circle Time, including stories, songs and an introduction to Baby Sign Language. While the toddlers experiment with different art mediums, babies get to experience some basic baby massage! There will also be parent discussion around topics relevant to this age group. Topics for discussion will be selected with caregiver input. Parents and children remain together during this class. A sandwich supper will be provided each week for families on the go!

##### Tuesday Tot Hour

Ages Birth-3 Years

Dates: 8 Tuesdays, beginning September 29

Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10

Instructors: Ruth Strong and Laura Lamb

Come for a fun hour of playing and learning! This class will have a brief period of structured activity time, including songs, finger plays, stories and rhythm instruments. While toddlers will be introduced to different ways to paint, play-dough, and other fun substances, parents of babies will learn about infant massage and other activities they can do to help stimulate baby's development! While the children have free play, parents will have discussion on topics such as language development and potty training. Topics for discussion will be selected with parent input. Parents and children remain together during this class.

## Family Fun

Ages: 2-5 Years

Dates: 8 Tuesdays, beginning September 29

Time: Choose from 4:00-5:15 pm. or 5:45-7 00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Instructors: Ruth Strong (4:00 class)/Kerry Klepel (5:45 class) and Laura Lamb

Come spend some quality time with your child and get to know other parents! Class includes a group Circle Time with songs, stories, finger plays and rhythm instruments. Parents and kids then have an opportunity to work together on a variety of activities, including art projects, play-dough, and more! Parents then separate to have discussion time with a Parent Educator on a variety of topics, from discipline to fostering a love of reading. Discussion topics are selected based on parent interest. Two class times are offered to better suit a variety of schedules, and a light meal will be provided during the break between classes for families on a time crunch!