



Spring 2021

Aitkin Children's Center



WEEKLY PARENT/CHILD CLASSES
JUNIOR JAKES (3'S) PRESCHOOL CLASSES
JAKES (4'S) PRESCHOOL CLASSES
SPECIAL EVENTS
EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING
EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

(218) 927-7735





Aitkin Public School/ISD #1
Aitkin Children's Center
225 2nd Ave SW
Aitkin, MN 56431
218-927-7735



Aitkin Children's Center Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
August 15th- May 31st



Early Childhood Family Education (E.C.F.E.)



Early Birds Class

(Designed for parents & children 12-24 months)

A time for parents & children to come to school together and explore activities designed by a licensed early childhood teacher.

Activities will foster children's social emotional, cognitive, physical, & language skills. A typical class includes together time, snack, & circle.

Don't miss this opportunity to spend some uninterrupted time participating in crafts, games, and other activities with your child while getting to know other parents with young children.



Weekly Classes

Mondays | Apr. 12- Apr. 26 | 8:15 - 9:30am | 3 weeks | Registration Opens Mar. 22nd
Theme: Camping

Mondays | May 3 - May 17 | 8:15 - 9:30am | 3 weeks | Registration Opens Apr. 19th
Theme: Spring

One time \$10.00 registration fee

Register **ONLINE** at Aitkin Public Schools under Community Education or by calling
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Night Owls

(Designed for parents & children 2 years - pre kindergarten age)

In this multi-age, separating class, parents and children engage in activities & games, a short circle time, and snack together. Then, parents and children separate. Parent conversations are led by a parent educator in a different room while children engage in structured play with a licensed Early Childhood Teacher.

Weekly Classes

Mondays | Apr. 12- Apr. 26 | 5:00 - 6:45pm | 3 weeks | Registration Opens Mar. 22nd
Theme: Camping

Mondays | May 3 - May 17 | 5:00 - 6:45pm | 3 weeks | Registration Opens Apr. 19th
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Take Home Totes

(Designed for children 12 months-pre kindergarten age)

Activities in each tote are theme based and designed with the goal to get parents & children reading, learning, and singing together. Activities will include finger-plays, projects (all supplies included), links to music and movement, links to stories read by Center Staff, and a CHILDREN'S BOOK. Activities will liven up any rainy spring day!

Each tote will have supplies for one child. Register for one tote or both totes. Schedule your appointment to pick up your tote today.

Monthly Take Home Activities

April | Registration Opens Mar. 22nd | Fee \$5.00 | Tote available Apr. 6th

Theme: Outdoors: Camping, Beach, Animals at Night

May | Registration Opens Mar. 22nd | Fee \$5.00 | Tote available May 3rd

Theme: Spring: Gardening, Bugs, Weather

The first 10 to register each month will have their registration fee refunded.

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Tips for Tots and Preschoolers

"Tips for Tots and Preschoolers" will provide parents or caregivers information and resources centered around a specific topic. Topics include helping your child managing strong feelings, getting my child to listen, and getting ready for kindergarten. Each folder will contain handouts, activities, additional resources and links to further support learning.

Monthly Parent Information

April | Registration opens Mar. 22 | Free | Available April 6th
Topic: Helping My Child Manage Feelings

April | Registration opens Mar. 22 | Free | Available April 6th
Topic: Can You Hear Me Now? Getting My Child to Listen

May | Registration opens Mar. 22 | Free | Available May 3rd
Topic: Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

May | Registration opens Mar. 22 | Free | Available May 3rd
Topic: Tools of the Trade: Strategies to Guiding Challenging Behavior

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Preschool 2021 - 2022



Registration
Opens May 7th
@ 7:00pm

Junior Jakes (3's)

Children need to be 3 on or before Sept. 1st

At the Aitkin Children's Center, children will discover a welcoming, safe and fun environment designed to create excitement for school and learning. Large and small group activities emphasize social emotional development as well as pre-academics. Parents can choose from one half- day or two half-day per week options, mornings or afternoons.

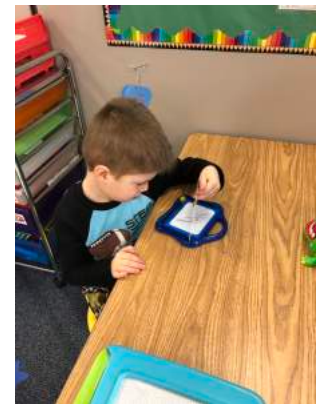
Class Options:

Monday AM	Sept 13 - May 16	8:05 - 10:50	\$240-\$340
Tues/Thurs PM	Sept 14 - May 19	12:05 - 2:50	\$430-\$630
Wed/Fri AM	Sept 15 - May 20	8:05 - 10:50	\$430-\$630

Early Learning
Scholarships
Available for those
who qualify free/
reduced meals

Junior Jakes (3's) Preschool

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Preschool 2021-2022



Jakes (4's) Preschool

Jakes (4's) Children need to be 4 on or before Sept. 1st

In Jakes Preschool, highly educated and nurturing staff plan large and small group experiences that combine learning with play. Children build confidence, independence, and other valuable social & emotional skills while working on math and reading readiness that will help prepare them for kindergarten. Parents can choose from half days as well as all day options.

Early Learning Scholarships
Available for those who
qualify free/reduced meals



All Day spots fill quickly.
The Center will be holding a lottery
for those spots. Lottery closes
April 30th @ noon. Please see page
8 for more information.

Class Options:

Tues/Thurs All Day		Sept 14 - May 19		8:05 - 2:55		\$860-\$1260
Wed/Fri All Day		Sept 15 - May 20		8:05 - 2:55		\$860-\$1260
Tues/Thurs AM		Sept 14 - May 19		8:05 - 11:05		\$430-\$630
Mon/Wed/Fri PM		Sept 13 - May 20		12:05 - 3:05		\$620-\$920

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Jakes (4's) Preschool All Day Lottery:

The Children's Center will hold a lottery to award spots in its all day preschool sections for the 2021-2022 school year. The lottery opens April 12th. If you are interested in an all day spot for your child, contact the Children's Center at 927-7735 or go online and register your child in the all day lottery. Children's names must be entered into the lottery by Friday, April 30th at noon. Parents will be notified of their child's enrollment status in an all day session by Monday, May 3rd. Online registration for other Jakes (4's) sections will open on Friday, May 7th at 7:00 pm. Call 927-7735 with questions.



2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration

The Aitkin Public School District has not set a date for Kindergarten Registration. They are considering all options with the hope that parents will be able to register in person.



Information

Refer a New Family

Do you know someone who is new to town that has younger children? A new family at church? At the park? Refer them to the Aitkin Children's Center. By calling the Children's Center office at 218-927-7735, new families can insure that they are added to the schools database. By doing so, families will be made aware of early childhood programming and events such as early childhood screening and kindergarten registration.



The Week of the Young Child®



April 10th through the 16th marks the Week of the Young Child. During this week celebrate early learning, young children, their teachers, families and communities that support them.

Music Monday - Sing & dance with your child to your favorite songs

Tasty Tuesday- Bake some delicious cookies with your child

Work Together Wednesday - Build a fort out of couch cushions or a block city

Artsy Thursday - Get crafty with some awesome artwork

Family Friday - Go to the park, pick activities to do as a whole family

Register to Win a Gift Basket!

The Aitkin Children's Center will be hosting a drawing to celebrate the Week of the Young Child. The basket will be filled with healthy snacks, books, and activities to promote early learning. All children are encouraged to register from newborns through prekindergarten age. Parents can register their child by stopping in at the Week of the Young Child table at Paulbecks or by registering through Community Education. Gift basket valued at \$50-\$75

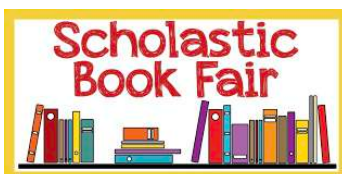


Scholastic Book Fair-Order Online!!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/aitkinchildrenscenter>



In April, the Aitkin Children's Center will be holding its annual book fair. Reading provides a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to connect. This year, the book fair will be online. Parents and children are encouraged to shop from the comfort of their own homes. The fair will open Thursday, April 1st and run through Friday, April 16th. The center will not be sending home book orders for the remainder of the year. This will be the last chance to order those favorite books you have been looking at.



Lakes and Pines Head Start



We are a NO COST Early Childhood and School Readiness Program that provides support to parents in their roles as their child's teacher. In the Aitkin Area we offer a Home Based Program which includes a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour home visit one time per week and monthly socialization opportunities to promote all areas of learning

Head Start offers In-Home or Virtual Visits for Families. Head Start is now taking applications ages birth to 5 and expectant mothers. Call for more details 320-679-1800 ext. 144 or 800-832-6082 ext. 144



We Rally Around Parents

Do you live in Aitkin County?

Do you have a child who is 0-5 or in K-2?

Could you use support getting in touch with resources?

Could you use help to reduce the stress in your life?

If you answered yes to these questions, the WRAP program is here to help support you and your family! Janet Watson, Resource Coach can assist in connecting you with resources that can help with navigating many barriers or transitions. Contact Janet by phone at 320-364-3344, or email janetw@lakesandpines.org.

Lakes and Pines CAC, Inc. in Partnership with Aitkin County Health and Human Services.



Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program

Aitkin County WIC
927-7201

You already qualify for WIC if you participate in the following programs:

- MnCare or Medical Assistance
- Head Start
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Reduced or Free School Lunch Program
- Energy Assistance



Information

Clinic Locations & Dates:

Aitkin: Every 1st consecutive Tuesday & Wednesday

Hill City: Every 3rd Tuesday @ Assembly of God Church (downtown)

Malmo: Every 3rd Wednesday @ Bethesda Lutheran Church

McGregor: Every 3rd Thursday @ the M.O.R.E. Building

Help Me Grow - When Parents Know, Children Grow

Help Me Grow (helpmegrowmn.org) is Minnesota's system for connecting children and families with early intervention professionals in the child's school district. Within a school district their are experts in the area of communication cognition social emotional skills self help skills and motor skills. The website also provides a means for referring a child whom you may have concerns about. Referrals are as easy as 1, 2, 3.



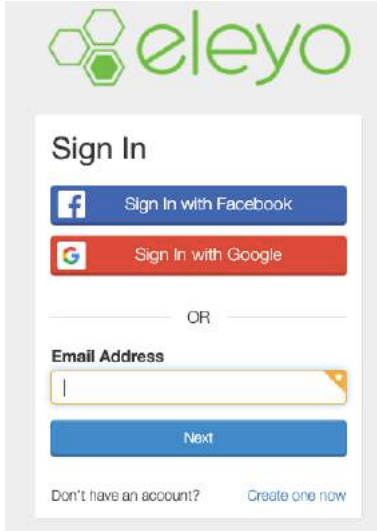
Setting Up or Updating Your Account with Community Education

Eleyo is the convenient, mobile-friendly, online tool to register and manage your child's registration at the Aitkin Children's Center or for Community Education classes. Below are steps for creating your family account profile in anticipation of upcoming registration:

Create your Account Profile

1. Browse to the website: <https://isd1.ce.eleyo.com>
 2. Create your profile by selecting **Sign In** (top, right corner).
 3. To create a new profile, log in with Facebook or Google
-or-
select **Create One Now**.
1. When creating an account within the system, you will be required to enter your basic contact information including an email address (used for logging in) and a password. If your email address is recognized, use the Send Forgot Password Email to receive a password set email.
 2. Select **Manage All Relationships** to add family members and emergency contacts.

An email will be sent from **Eleyo** with a link to verify your account. Use the **Verify Your Email Address** button on that email to verify your account.



The screenshot shows the Eleyo Sign In page. At the top is the Eleyo logo, which consists of three green hexagons of varying shades followed by the word "eleyo" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Below the logo is the heading "Sign In". There are two primary buttons: a blue button with the Facebook "f" logo and the text "Sign In with Facebook", and a red button with the Google "G" logo and the text "Sign In with Google". Below these buttons is the word "OR" centered between two horizontal lines. Underneath is a text input field labeled "Email Address" with a yellow border and a small dropdown arrow on the right. Below the input field is a blue button labeled "Next". At the bottom of the page, there are two links: "Don't have an account?" and "Create one now".

See inside!!!

2021 -2022

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