

# CCGB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Early Childhood Programs

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*CCGB is proud to hold a 4 star Parent Aware rating.  
CCGB Elementary houses headstart, preschool, and K-5 in the  
elementary building located in Clinton, MN.*



# PreSchool Programs

CGB offers a preschool program for 3/4 year olds and a Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) program for 4/5 year olds. Both of these programs are held in collaboration with Prairie Five Head Start. Families in either program have the option for applying to the Prairie Five Head Start program. Preschool is provided at no charge for those families who qualify for Head Start.

Tuition is charged for those families with 3/4 year olds who do not qualify for Head Start. Tuition is charged based on the number of days a week attended. Children can attend anywhere from 1 to 4 days a week. There is also a charge for lunch. Breakfast and snacks are free for all Preschool students. Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced meals. If they qualify, there will be no charge for lunch, and they also qualify for a 50% reduction of their preschool fees.

Children who are 4/5 year olds who do not qualify for Head Start participate in our Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) program. This program meets 4 days a week on Monday-Thursday. Because the district receives a portion of state aid for students in this program, tuition is offered at a reduced rate. There is a charge for lunch, but breakfast and snacks are free for these preschool students. Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced meals. If they qualify, there is no charge for lunch and they also receive a 50% reduction in their preschool fees.

Our PreSchool program runs Monday through Thursday. The hours are 8:30 to 3:17. Preschool does NOT meet on Fridays.

Both PreSchool programs will start on the same day as the rest of our school district. PreSchool is only required to attend 128 school days and will typically have an end date in early May. Preschool does not participate in e-learning days. Instead, these days will be added on to the end of the calendar.

Tina Syverson and Mel Martig are our 3/4 year old teachers and are employed by Prairie Five Headstart. This classroom is located adjacent to door 5 by the District Office.

**Mrs. Arndt** is our 4/5 year old preschool teacher and is employed by the district. This classroom is located on the 2nd floor across from the office.

## Prairie Five Head Start Program

Prairie Five Head start is a collaborative program for 3/4 and 4/5 year olds. Prairie Five is a federally funded program that allows families to attend preschool free of charge if they qualify under the income guidelines. If a family qualifies there will be no cost for lunch or tuition.

# Preschool Registration

Preschool registration is held in early April. **This year's registration will be held on April 2, 2025 from 4:00 - 6:00.** Families can register their children for the following school year. Your child must be 3 years of age before September 1st to start Preschool in the Fall.

## Preschool Screening

Screening is held each year in October. All children are required to be screened before entering Kindergarten. Children are eligible for Pre School Screening starting at age 3. The screening consists of vision, hearing, developmental, speech, and nurse. Please contact the elementary office if you have questions.

## Transportation

There is NO bus transportation provided for 3 year olds. Children can start riding the bus at 4 years of age using Aksamit Transportation like the rest of CGB School District.

## Kindergarten

All children who are at least 5 years of age on September 1 of the year of entrance can be enrolled in kindergarten. Kindergarten provides a free, high-quality learning opportunity that supports them and lays a foundation for school success. Three things to clarify regarding what families must do to enroll their child in kindergarten are:

1. [Proof of age](#)
2. [Early Childhood Screening](#)
3. [Immunizations](#)

Kindergarten roundup and registration is held in the spring of the year. Families have an opportunity to visit the classroom, meet the teacher and learn about our Kindergarten program. Pre registration will be sent out to families in February .

**Kindergarten roundup date will be April 17, 2025.**

### Meals

Breakfast is available at no charge to Kindergarten students, but there is a charge for lunch. Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced meals. If a family qualifies, lunch is also then served at no cost to the family.

## ECFE

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is based on the idea that parents provide their child's first and most significant learning environment and parents are children's first and most enduring teachers. ECFE works to support you as a parent/caregiver and to strengthen and empower families. The goal is to enhance the ability of all parents and other family members to provide the best possible environments for their child's learning and development.

ECFE is a parenting education program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten entrance.

Stephanie Sigler leads ECFE classes at the elementary school throughout the year. Class dates are published periodically in The Northern Star newspaper. You can choose which classes you are able to attend, but please let us know if you are coming. If school lets out early or is canceled due to weather (or any other reason) ECFE will not be held that evening. There is no charge to attend. **Please contact Mrs. Sigler at [ssigler@graceville.k12.mn.us](mailto:ssigler@graceville.k12.mn.us) to register for classes.**

## ECSE

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services are provided to qualifying students through the Midwest Special Education Cooperative.

### Q &A

Should my child be potty trained before preschool?

**It is encouraged, but not required**

What is required for registration?

**Registration forms, immunizations, copy of birth certificate**

What is required for screening?

**Registration packet, immunizations, and health history.**

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