



Kasson-Mantorville
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Choosing the right preschool program for your child is essential to support their growth and development. When selecting a program, consider your child's age, personality, and previous exposure to group settings. For children with limited social experience, a smaller, play-based class may help them ease into peer interactions. Those who are more familiar with group settings may benefit from a structured, school-readiness program that builds academic and social skills. Finding the right fit ensures your child feels comfortable, engaged, and prepared for future learning. Children must be potty trained to attend preschool programs.

What is School Readiness Preschool?

School Readiness Preschool in Minnesota is a program designed to prepare children ages 3-5 for kindergarten by promoting social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. It offers a structured learning environment with age-appropriate activities that build early literacy, math, and social skills. The program is typically led by licensed early childhood teachers and often includes parent involvement, helping families support their child's learning journey.

What is ECFE?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) in Minnesota is a statewide program designed to support families with children from birth to age five. ECFE offers parent-child classes that promote early learning, strengthen parenting skills, and foster family connections. Classes typically include guided play, group activities, and parent discussions led by licensed early childhood and parent educators. The program provides families with tools and resources to support their child's development while building a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

Our Programs

KOMET CONNECTIONS (4-5 Years Old)*

KoMet Connections is a high-quality, school readiness preschool program designed to ensure children are fully prepared for kindergarten. Following Minnesota's early learning standards, this program offers developmentally appropriate, hands-on learning experiences tailored to each child's individual needs. Using the Big Day for PreK curriculum, students engage in intentional instruction across all key learning domains, including social-emotional skills, oral language, early literacy, math, science, social studies, fine arts, physical development, and technology. Taught by certified Early Childhood teachers, KoMet Connections provides a strong academic foundation while fostering creativity, independence, and confidence. This program is ideal for children one year away from kindergarten, helping them build the skills and knowledge necessary for a smooth and successful transition. *(classes offered 4 or 5 days per week)*

KOMET KIDS (3-4 Years Old)*

KoMet Kids is an essential preliminary school readiness preschool program designed to build the social-emotional and foundational skills necessary for future academic success. Rooted in Minnesota's early learning standards, this program prioritizes social interaction, self-help skills, and creative expression through hands-on, interactive play. The curriculum focuses on five key domains proven to be most predictive of kindergarten readiness: oral language development, phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, early math skills, and social-emotional growth. Through music, brain-stimulating activities, stories, and free play, children develop problem-solving abilities, cooperation, and confidence. Taught by nurturing, early childhood professionals, KoMet Kids provides a safe and engaging environment where children two years away from kindergarten gain the skills, independence, and resilience needed for a smooth transition into their educational journey. *(classes offered 2 or 3 days per week)*

ECFE PRESCHOOL EXPERIENCE (Introductory Class for 3-5 Years Old)

Our "Preschool Experience" program offers a fun and engaging introduction to preschool for children ages 3, 4, and 5. These child-only classes follow a structured schedule with group time, hands-on learning activities, stories, movement,

and snack time. The program focuses on building social skills through interaction with peers while giving children a chance to experience a preschool-like setting. Parents will receive a weekly handout with insights into what their child learned and ideas to continue the learning at home. Registration is offered on a monthly basis, so you can sign up for one or more months. This is a great way to give your child a positive first preschool experience in a fun and nurturing environment. *(classes offered 1 day per week w/ parent component)*

ECFE YOUNG EXPLORERS (Mixed delivery Class for 3-5 Years Old)

Our Young Explorers Nature-Based Preschool program offers a unique learning experience that combines early childhood education with environmental exploration. Designed for children ages 3-5, this class uses hands-on, multi-sensory play to support emotional, social, and intellectual growth. Through outdoor activities and nature-inspired lessons, children develop important skills such as problem-solving, creativity, and resilience, all while fostering a love for the natural world. This mixed-delivery program provides a safe, positive environment where students' natural curiosity leads the way in their learning and discovery. *(classes offered 3 days per week w/ parent component)*

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

If you are having a financial hardship please contact the Community Education office for additional options/assistance at 507-634-4464 or kmcommunityed@komets.k12.mn.us.

	School Readiness: KoMet Kids & KoMet Connections	ECFE: Introductory Preschool Experience	ECFE: Young Explorers Nature Based Preschool
School Year Program	✓	✓	✓
Potty Trained	✓	✓	✓
Play Based Focus	✓	✓	✓
Academic Based Focus	✓		
Social Emotional Learning	✓	✓	✓
State Approved Curriculum	✓		
State Approved Assessment Tool	✓		
Special Education Supports	✓	✓	
Parent Education Component		✓	✓
State Scholarship Assistance	✓		
Local Scholarship Assistance		✓	✓
Parent Aware Rated	✓		
Licensed Teachers	✓		
Early Learning Professionals	✓	✓	✓

* denotes categorized as a "School Readiness Program"

For more information please visit our Early Learning Website:
<https://sites.google.com/komets.k12.mn.us/kmearlyeducation/home>