

# Fee per Semester iECFE fees are based on household income \$0-\$25,000-\$50,000 +



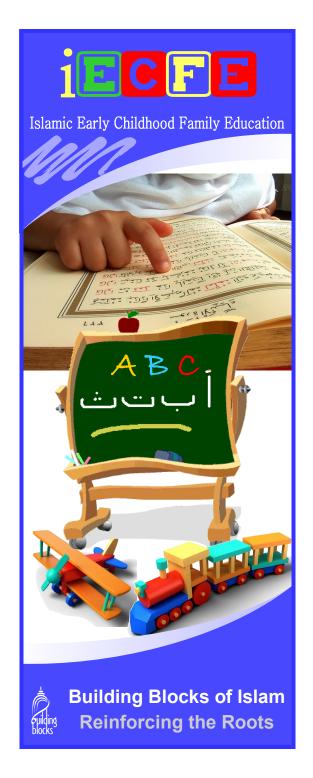
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# WHAT IS ECFE

iECFE is a program to strengthen families through parent and child playtime and learning activities. Parents are a child's first and most significant teacher. iECFE provides an environment which nurtures this relationship based on Islamic principles of childhood development.

## WHO CAN ATTEND

Families with children 1 to 5 years may participate in the program.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

#### For you & your child:

- Half hour exploring a variety of learning activities together
- Learning new ways to interact and learn at home

#### For your child:

- He/she will learn through play for remainder of class
- He/she will take joy in learning
- He/she will develop a positive Little Muslim identity

## For you:

- Parents engage in a discussion group while the children play
- Topics include child development and guidance





## PHILOSOPHY

Righteous children are the result of effort. Young children acquire knowledge that will stay with them their entire life through playful interactions. Our goal is to provide opportunities where children can learn through exploration and engaging activities. We incorporate the principles of Islam in a child-centered, hands-on, fun way so that children will build their personalities upon the Oneness of Allah and recognize their responsibility in carrying Islam forward. We also realize that learning begins at home. We strive to present parents with a variety of developmental ideas and activities they can enjoy with their child at home. All of our curriculum is designed in line with Minnesota State Early Childhood Indicators of Progress. We believe that children who progress through iECFE will be thoroughly prepared for kindergarten.



## BUILDING ON

#### ···a Little Muslim Identity

Your child will learn to carry the banner of Islam with pride, love, and honor.

#### ···Prayer

Your child will learn prayer as an appealing means of connecting with Allah and Muslims.

## ···Qur'an

Your child will learn to cherish the Qur'an and find comfort and security through its sound and recitation.

#### ···Manners

Your child will develop his/her personality by learning Islamic behaviors and etiquettes.

# AGE SPECIFIC CLASSES

Katakeet (12 to 23 mos): Toddlers will enjoy this class full of art, circle time, dramatic play, and other activities. This class will introduce gradual separation throughout the semester, giving parents discussion time while kids play.

Namlaat (24 to 35 mos): The older toddlers turned explorers will engage in activities that stimulate their emotional, physical, and social development. During this class parents will separate and discuss ideas, joys, and concerns about parenting the two year old!

Nahlaat (36 to 47 mos): In this two-day-a-week class children will experience a variety of group and individual play activities. Parents join their child on the first day for parent-child interaction and parent education. Parents drop off their child on the second day for child-only classes.

Araanib (48 to 59 mos): This two-day-a-week class prepares children for kindergarten. Children will build a foundation for the intellectual, social, and emotional development needed for school success. Parents play an important role by choosing several involvement activities to participate in through the semester.