



Spring 2026 Calendar of Events

Important dates are in **GREEN**.

Curriculum themes are in **BLUE** and typically extend two weeks.

January 2026						
S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
4	5 First day of Class 😊	6 Winter: Our Favorite Winter Stories Music Play	7	8	9	10
11	12 Winter: Hibernation Music Play	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL	20 Winter: Hibernation Music Play	21	22 PJ and Bring a Bear Days	23	24
25	26 TUITION DUE	27 Dental Health Music Play	28	29	30	31
February 2026						
1	2 Love and Kindness Music Play	3	4	5	6 Parent Coffee Hour	7
8	9 Love and Kindness Music Play	10	11	12 Valentine's Exchange	13 Valentine's Exchange	14
15	16 Lunar New Year TUITION DUE	17 Music Play	18	19	20	21
22	23 Lunar New Year	24 Music Play	25	26	27	28

March

S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Author Study				Parent Teacher Conferences ECRC Closed	
		Music Play				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Author Study					
		Music Play				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SPRING RECESS – NO SCHOOL					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	TUITION DUE	Author Study				
		Music Play				
29	30	31				
	Earth and Space					
		Music Play				

April

			1	2	3	4
					Explore & More Family Field Trip ECRC Closed	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Earth and Space					
		Music Play				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Spring: Gardening				Parent Coffee Hour	
		Music Play				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Spring: Gardening					
		Music Play				

May

S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Spring: Animal and Insects					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Our Favorite Things!					

ECRC Specials

Music Play

Our MusicPlay Program is facilitated by Miss Rachel from Joyful Sounds! Early childhood is an opportune time to reinforce children's natural music abilities. Although music is not a language, music is learned in much the same way that a language is learned. Children need to hear and experiment with extensive amounts of language before they actually learn to speak, read and write. In the same way, children need to hear a wide variety of music and experiment with it before they can sing accurately, chant rhythms with precision, and eventually read and write music. MusicPlay provides a rich music environment for children. Classes expose children to a wide repertoire of songs and chants. Many of the songs are performed without words, which helps children focus on the musical content. Teachers model simple, creative movements and encourage children to move in a sustained, continuous, and relaxed way. Props such as scarves, balls, egg shakers, and hoops are utilized to help children engage with the music and movement.

Visual Arts

Our visual arts program, provided by Miss Keely, invites and inspires children to look at the world around them through the eyes of an artist. The question of "what do you see?" can last a lifetime. The children learn to use their senses and focus their perception to learn about and interpret all that's around them through the world of art. With practical application, children view and appreciate art, play with art, and create art. Guiding steps will help children to build their own visual and verbal language.

Calendar Highlights

Here is some information on a few of our favorite events. More details to follow via email as we get closer to each of the following events:

PJ & Bring a Bear days- Students come to school in pajamas and bring a favorite stuffy to conclude our exploration of winter animals.

Parent Coffee Hours- Held twice per semester beginning at 8:45am, the purpose of these meetings is to give parents/caregivers time to discuss together the triumphs and challenges of parenting. We aim to provide a space for families to get some feedback from other families that are going through some of the same situations with support from our staff regarding the home-to-school connection and research on parenting, child development and early childhood education.

Valentine exchange- Our students will participate in a valentine exchange on Thursday, February 12th and Friday, February 13th as we celebrate love and kindness.

Conferences – Teachers meet with families in person or via zoom to talk about children's progress and development. These will take place on Friday, March 6, and the ECRC will be closed to facilitate these in-depth conversations with families.

Explore and More – This fabulous field trip starts at 9:45 am, and all family members are invited. The cost is \$8 per person/child.

A Note on Winter Clothes

At the ECRC we enjoy outdoor play daily whenever weather permits. Please touch base with your children's teachers and send winter gear: boots, snow-pants, warm socks, water proof mittens, a hat and a coat so all children can fully experience winter outdoor play on the ECRC playground.

ECRC SNOW DAY POLICY 2025-2026*

As a unit of UB, the ECRC will close when UB closes for any reason. In addition, the ECRC reserves the right to close if weather conditions are too dangerous for the children and staff, for example:

- Treacherous roads/conditions
- Inclement weather anticipated
- Wind chills reaching lows of -20 to -25 degrees

The ECRC has allocated 3 snow days for the 2025-2026 academic year. Thus, families will not receive any accommodations for the first three snow days. If a child's enrollment is affected by weather-related closures beyond these three days, there are two accommodation options:

Option 1: Attending designated make-up days that take place during breaks and/or weekends.

Option 2: Receiving a prorated voucher as credit towards future tuition.

Closings will be announced via email, Facebook, the ECRC website (<http://ecrc.buffalo.edu>) and on TV and radio stations:

- WGRZ channel 2
- WIVB channel 4
- WKBW channel 7
- WBFO 88.7
- WBNY 91.3
- WGR 550 AM

The decision to close the ECRC will always be made out of concern for the safety and well-being of the children, families and staff.

**This policy applies to the 2025-2026 academic year and the ECRC reserves the right to amend the policy in the future.*