

Fall 2025 Calendar of Events

Important dates (parent-teacher conferences, picture day, etc.) are in **GREEN**.

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

September 2025						
S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
	1 Labor Day	2 No School	3 First Day of School! 😊	4	5	6
	Getting to Know Myself		Getting to Know My Classroom			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Getting to Know Myself					
		Music Play				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Getting to Know My Family					
	Tuition Due Date	Music Play				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Music Play			Parent Coffee Hour 8:45am	
	Getting to Know My Friends					
October						
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	School Pictures		Farm			
		Music Play				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Farm				KELKENBERG FARM Family Field Trip	
		Music Play				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Fall Break – NO SCHOOL		Leaves			
	Tuition Due Date					

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Apples & Pumpkins					

November

S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Apples & Pumpkins	Music Play			Halloween Celebration!	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Community Helpers	Music Play			Parent Teacher Conferences – ECRC Closed	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Tuition Due Date!	Community Helpers				
		Music Play				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Gratitude & Togetherness	Music Play			Parent Coffee Hour 8:45am	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Gratitude & Togetherness	Music Play	Fall Recess	Happy Thanksgiving!	School Closed	

December

30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Winter Celebrations!	Music Play			Last Day of ECRC *Family Celebration*	

ECRC Specials

Music Play

Our MusicPlay Program is facilitated by Miss Jenna from Tasker Studios. 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:

Kelkenberg Farm Family Field Trip – This fabulous field trip starts at 10 am on 10/10/25, and all family members are invited! The cost is \$14 per person. Under 2 are free.

Parent Coffee Hours – This is an opportunity for parents to come together and talk about a variety of topics related to parenting and child development. Each coffee hour will begin with an overview of current research on a specific topic. We will spend the rest of the time having casual conversations about our own successful strategies and challenges related to parenting.

School Pictures – Jenny Sondel Photography will take photos of each child. We will assign children to Monday, 9/29 or Tuesday, 9/30 based on their schedule.

Conferences – Teachers meet with families to talk about children's progress and development on Friday, November 7. The ECRC is closed on this day.

Halloween – The children love to celebrate Halloween! We will have a special celebration on this day!

Family Celebration – We end our semester with a potluck meal!

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.*