

## **Early Childhood Education**

Is your career goal to work with children in the future? Then Early Childhood Education, ECE, is the class for you. If you want to become a teacher, then of course, ECE is for you. But, if you want to be a pediatric nurse or doctor, a child psychologist, social worker, child life specialist, or any other career that deals with children, then you can gain experience with children in a hands-on, one on one learning environment. Countryside High School is lucky to have a lab preschool right on the campus. This class allows the students to work towards gaining industry certification to work in a child care center after graduation as a credentialed staff member. Each year CHS has several students earn their Early Childhood Professional Certificate and National Child Development Associate Certification. ECE is a job prep class and the experience you gain in Early Childhood Education will give students insight on the development of young children, help you make a clear decision on your career goals, and give you experience in the real world of work. If you are interested in Early Childhood Education, please see your guidance counselor or Mrs. Hoch in room J-1.