

MOMS Club ® of Alexandria-Northeast Presents

The 14th Annual Preschool Fair

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First Baptist Church
2932 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302



The Preschool Fair is a service provided to the community by the MOMS Club of Alexandria-Northeast, VA. MOMS Club® is an international nonprofit organization offering the invaluable resources of support, friendship, activities and local information to stay-at-home moms. Our chapter is devoted to fulfilling the motto of MOMS Club International: Moms Offering Moms Support and also playing a key role in supporting the local community. The Preschool Fair is our largest community service project and this is our 14th year orchestrating this volunteer run event. Thank you for attending.

Note: With a few exceptions, data on participating preschools was provided by the schools themselves. Please contact 1 the schools directly to verify information as it is subject to change.

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Participating Organizations

Agudas Achim Preschool

Website:	http://www.agudasachim-va.org/programs/preschool/
Address:	2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director:	Debbie Tureck
Phone Number:	703-998-6072
Email:	preschool@agudasachim-va.org
Age Range:	2 - 5 (Pre-K) years
School Times:	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Core program
Extended Care:	Yes - We are open 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. M-TH, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Friday
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Jan. 12 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Jan. 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Registration:	Priority registration for congregants and current families begins Jan. 4, 2016; General registration begins Feb. 1, 2016.
Goals or Philosophy:	The Agudas Achim Preschool is a safe, nurturing, Jewish program that supports the growth of children through a developmentally appropriate curriculum. Our children's experiences are guided by the compass of Jewish values and traditions. We cultivate an active, reflective and creative learning environment, supporting the total development of each child: spiritual, moral, cognitive, social, emotional and physical. With its flexible schedule, creative programming, and innovative approaches to teaching Jewish traditions and values, Agudas Achim Preschool is unique among early childhood programs in Northern Virginia.
Special Needs:	Acceptance is on a case-by-case basis.
Other Information:	\$40 registration fee is applied to first month's tuition for returning families. Agudas Achim Preschool is open to families of all faiths.

Alexandria City Public Schools (Early Childhood Opportunities)

Website:	www.acps.k12.va.us/curriculum/special-education/preschool/
Address:	Jefferson-Houston School, 1501 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Jane Richardson, Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator
Phone Number:	703-578-8217
Age Range:	2.6 years – 4 years
School Times:	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or 11:20 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Posted on the ACPS website in March 2016.
Registration:	Screenings for the PLT Program will take place in April-May 2016. Application Criteria of PLT Program: Family is able to provide transportation for student to attend a half day class (8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or 11:20 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.) Monday through Friday; Children must be two years, six months to four-years-old by September 30; Children must pass a developmental screening and be observed by an ACPS preschool special education teacher; Children must be toilet trained; Preference given to children who live within the school boundaries of Jefferson-Houston, Charles Barrett, and John Adams, and Preference given to children who have had no formal early childhood school experience.
Goals or Philosophy:	The Alexandria City Public Schools invites typically developing children to be included in the preschool classes for children with developmental delays/disabilities. Typically developing children from the community serve as role models for language, play, social and physical skills for preschoolers with special needs. In return, they receive a free developmental screening and a quality early childhood program taught by a teacher with a degree in early childhood special education and a qualified paraprofessional.
Special Needs:	No
Other Information:	Preschool classes follow the standard ACPS school calendar. A limited number of slots are

available for each session at Jefferson Houston, Charles Barrett, and John Adams Elementary Schools for the 2016-17 school year. The program is open to children of Alexandria City residents.

Alexandria Country Day School

Website:	www.acdsnet.org
Address:	2400 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301
Director:	Scott Baytosh
Director of Admission and Financial Aid:	Julie Lewis
Phone Number:	703-837-1303
Age Range:	Kindergarten through Grade 8 (Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old by September 1 to apply).
School Times:	8:10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	7-8 a.m.; 3:00-6 p.m.
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.; Wednesday, November 11, 9:00 a.m.; Tuesday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.; Friday, January 8, 9:00 a.m. Open Houses last for approximately 1½ hours and include a tour and remarks from and Q & A with the Head of School, Division Heads, and current Middle School students. We encourage you to attend an Open House, however if you cannot attend any of the above dates, we also offer small Information Sessions followed by a tour. Admissions information and the application are available on our website. The application deadline is January 15, 2016.
Goals or Philosophy:	Alexandria Country Day School provides its students with an educational program that inspires curiosity and intellectual engagement, prepares them to succeed in the most challenging high schools, and allows them to discover who they are in a safe and caring environment. The development of strong communication skills, with particular emphasis on public speaking, is a hallmark of the School's academic program. Small class size allows for frequent individual attention. Technology is integrated into all classrooms, and every student in third through eighth grade is issued his or her own iPad. Among Alexandria Country Day's greatest assets is its Kindergarten through eighth grade structure. From the teachers we hire to the facility we occupy and the curriculum we teach, this configuration allows us to focus on the unique needs of children ages 5 to 14 without the distractions and very different social and academic dynamics a high school brings.
Special Needs:	Through its Teaching and Learning Center (TLC), Alexandria Country Day School endeavors to meet its students' educational needs through enrichment and additional learning support. Although not a school specifically designed for children with learning differences and/or ADHD, small class size and support provided by the TLC often make it possible for students with mild learning differences and/or ADHD to be academically successful. The School recommends that parents of a child with a learning difference and/or ADHD contact the Director of Admission to discuss whether their child's educational needs can be met by its program.

Aquinas Montessori School – Mount Vernon

Website:	aquinasmontessorischool.com
Address:	8334 Mount Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309
Head of School:	David H. Futrell
Montessori Director:	Celeste M. Baucom
Phone Number:	703-780-8484
Age Range:	3-12 years
School Times:	8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Extended Care:	7:30 – 8:30 a.m. – Early Care 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. – After Care

Coop: No
Open House Dates: 10/29/15, 11/10/15, 12/2/15, 1/12/16, 2/7/16, 3/9/16
Registration: Application with fee of \$150
Goals or Philosophy: Montessori Curriculum, recognized by Association Montessori International
Special Needs: Each student is evaluated individually.

Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool (AUCP)

Website: <http://www.aucpva.org/>
Address: 4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204
Director: Susan Parker (703-892-3878)
Membership Contact: Mary Lane Akers (202-321-6759)
Phone Number: 703-585-9227
Age Range: 4 months (6 weeks if an older sibling attends AUCP) to 5 years
School Times: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Extended Care: No
Coop: Yes
Open House Dates: Jan. 30, 2016 (snow date is Feb. 6, 2016)
Registration: Please see www.aucpva.org
Goals or Philosophy: We respect the child and the growth and development of the preschool years. We recognize children as individuals at various stages of development - physically, socially, cognitively, and emotionally. We celebrate the individuality that is vital to your child's development.
Special Needs: No

BASIS Independent Schools

Website: McLean.BASISIndependent.com
Address: 8000 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102
Head of School: Mr. Sean Aiken
Phone Number: 703-854-1253 (main office)
Age Range: PreK3 through grade 12
School Times: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Extended Care: Yes. 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Coop: No
Open House Dates: November 4, 7:00 p.m. at TBD; November 8 at 1:00 p.m. at TBD; November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Tysons Sheraton Hotel; By appointment (please call)
Registration: Application and enrollment information can be found on our website.
Goals or Philosophy: Our culture is defined by our belief in the importance of meaningful and investigative play: we believe that, for early learners, play is a profoundly empowering activity. Rather than a distraction, play fully engages young children in the collaboration, fun and revelations of the moment and allows for them to make significant connections to their world. Through our program of meaningful play, children are guided through a thematic, content-rich curriculum which includes specialist instruction in music & drama, movement, Mandarin and hands-on STEM Discovery. We call this vibrant curriculum our Discovery Blocks of Learning because it focuses equally on children's social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development and allows them to transition into kindergarten with ease, and become enthusiastic lifelong learners.
Special Needs: We will not have resources on campuses for many special needs, however we will work diligently and energetically with parents to find them the best outside resources and to make available space in the schools for tutorial sessions.
Other Information: Four guiding lights illuminate our learning culture:

- All of our Early Learning Program classes are expertly led
- Our learning culture values natural curiosity, meaningful play and discovery

- Our learning culture is grounded in comprehensive and content-rich Discovery Blocks of Learning
- Our goal is to inspire enthusiastic, lifelong learners and prepare your child for entry into kindergarten

Bethany Lutheran Preschool

Website:	www.Bethany-LCMS.org
Address:	2501 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria, VA 22306
Director:	Antonia Fasick, M. Ed.
Phone Number:	703-765-8687 (TOTS)
Age Range:	Preschool ages 2 – 5 years old; Mom’s Day Out ages 12 months – 3 years old
School Times:	Classes are from 9:00 – 12:00 noon with low student to teacher ratios
Extended Care:	Early Drop Off starts at 8:00 am; Lunch Bunch and Enrichment classes are 12:00-1:00
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Parents are invited to call for a personal tour. Children are welcomed.
Registration:	Registration information is available on the website. Registration for the following school year begins in late January. Registration for the current school year is accepted as space is available. Please feel free to call.
Goals or Philosophy:	Bethany Lutheran Preschool was founded in 1959 to provide a safe and nurturing Christian education for young children. Program planning and practices reflect that children are gifts from a loving God and learning is what children do. We believe that each child has a unique pattern and timing of growth. Children’s play is fundamental to their development. It is an active process. Children learn from each other and their natural curiosity leads to many learning opportunities.
Special Needs:	We welcome children with mild special needs; and we work in concert with parents or other educational specialists to assist in the growth of the child.
Other Information:	Bethany Lutheran Preschool offers an Early Morning Drop and a variety of after school enrichment classes throughout the school year. All after school activities begin after preschool dismissal and end at 1:00. Enrichment classes have included Martial Arts, Music and Movement, Art Adventures, Garden Club and more. Bethany Lutheran Church and Preschool offers a Mom’s Day Out program for our littlest friends ages 12 months to 3 years old. MDO meets Tuesdays and Thursdays and parents may sign up for as many or as few days as they wish.

Beverly Hills Church Preschool

Website:	http://bhcpnet.org/
Address:	3512 Old Dominion Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22305
Director:	Margaret Moran
Phone Number:	703- 549-7441
Age Range:	2.5 - 5 years old
School Times:	9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Extended Care:	Lunch Bunch (12:15 to 1:15) offered and determined by demand and parent volunteers
Coop:	Yes
Open House Dates:	Saturday, January 9 from 9 to 11. The Snow Date is Saturday, January 23. No reservation is needed for our Open House. The Open House is for prospective parents to come learn about our program, tour our school, and meet teachers and parents. We respectfully request that children, other than infants, do not attend our Open House. We have two school tours for parents only on November 4 and December 10, both from 10 to 11:30am. Our school tour is an opportunity to learn about our program and tour our classrooms while school is in session. We respectfully request that children, other than infants, do not attend our school tours. Please call to sign up for our tours as space is limited.

- Registration:** Applicants pick up registration packets at the open house or after a school tour. We will be accepting applications from January 9 through January 16. Students are admitted according to a lottery system drawn from completed applications (including application fees). Priority is given to church members, siblings of current students, alumni children and children of staff. Our lottery will be held in late January.
- Goals or Philosophy:** Reggio-Emilia, progressive education. We believe that all children possess a strong natural curiosity and a remarkable capacity to express and develop their unique understanding of how the world works. Their fundamental task is to make meaning of life's experiences; in short, to learn how the world works. Learning happens due to the complex interplay between the child, the environment, and those with whom he or she interacts. We believe that a child's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development is best supported in an atmosphere that is individualized, joyful, challenging, organized, and fluid. For this reason a spirit of discovery and purposeful, collaborative inquiry permeates our choice of learning materials, methods, activities, and the intentional preparation of the learning environment.
- Special Needs:** Beverley Hills welcomes children of all abilities into its programs and believes that each child possesses a unique capacity to develop and learn in the context of his or her peers.
- Other Information:** Parents must coop in the classroom, commit to performing maintenance work, and serve on one of our board committees.

Blessed Sacrament School

- Website:** www.blessedsacramentcc.org/school
- Address:** 1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302
- Director:** Kelly Brinley
- Phone Number:** 703-998-4170
- Age Range:** 3-5
- School Times:** 8:45-11:45/1:30
- Extended Care:** 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Coop:** No
- Open House Dates:** Oct 7, 2015; Nov 18, 2015; Jan 13, 2016; Feb 17, 2016; Apr 27, 2016
Attendees should arrive promptly at 9:00 am for this structured program. You will have an opportunity to meet the principal and ECC director, ask questions regarding our curriculum and school, and receive a tour of the school from students.
- Registration:** January 19-21, 2016 and January 25-26, 2016
- Goals or Philosophy:** To create an educated community to serve Christ and one another.
- Special Needs:** Case by case basis
- Other Information:** Part of the K-8 Blessed Sacrament School can have access to all programs offered to the grade school such as full time nurse, foreign language classes, music, library, Gym, etc.

Bright Horizons at Old Town Alexandria

- Website:** www.brighthorizons.com/alexandria
- Address:** 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Director:** Lindsay Miller
- Phone Number:** 703-519-1840
- Age Range:** 6 weeks to 5 years old
- School Times:** The school is open 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday year-round with limited closings. Children are not required to stay the entire day. We offer 5 day, 3 day, and 2 day options.
- Extended Care:** See above
- Coop:** No
- Open House Dates:** Visit our website to learn about upcoming events.
- Registration:** Registrations are accepted year-round

Goals or Philosophy: Bright Horizons® is the leading provider of high-quality early education and preschool. Our programs empower children from infancy on to become confident, successful learners and secure, caring people. We strive to grow young leaders, scientists, artists, and explorers who are engaged and curious. Our programs invite children to approach school and academics with skills, confidence, and a drive for excellence.

Other Information: Bright Horizons at Old Town Alexandria is a new school opening in early 2016.

Browne Academy

Website: <http://www.browneacademy.org/>
Address: 5917 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310
Director: John Bonhom
Phone Number: 571-451-1001
Age Range: 3 years - grade 8
School Times: 8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - half day/3:15 p.m. - full day
Morning Care: Yes
Extended Care: Yes
Coop: No
Open House Dates: November 11, 2015 at 9 a.m.; January 12, 2016 at 9 a.m.
Registration: admission@browneacademy.org; Application deadline is January 29, 2016
Goals or Philosophy: Celebrating 75 years, Browne Academy is a diverse independent day school committed to developing the whole child through extraordinary teaching, exceptional academic programs, and a nurturing community. Our half-day and full-day preschool programs embrace our core values of excellence, diversity, character, and community. Our preschool program establishes a foundation for future academic success through small class size and individualized attention. Complementing our rigorous academic program are speciality classes in art, music, P.E., World Languages and technology classes.

Special Needs: No
Other Information: Browne Academy offers 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. extended day coverage; Summer Camp; Saturday Bruins Den, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Kid's Night Out (1x/month), 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Winter Break Camp; Spring Break Camp.

Burgundy Farm Country Day School

Website: <http://www.burgundyfarm.org>
Address: 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria, VA 22303
Director: Jeff Sindler, Head of School
Phone Number: 703-329-6968
Age Range: Pre-K-8th grade
School Times: 8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
Extended Care: Yes (7-8 a.m. and 3:15-6:00 p.m.)
Coop: Not a formal cooperative any longer, but we appreciate parent involvement in all grades.
Open House Dates: Please call to attend an Open House or to arrange a tour on Friday, Oct. 9, 2015 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Registration: Online application. \$75 application fee. Call or email to request an information packet.
Philosophy: Burgundy Farm Country Day School believes that children learn best in an inclusive, creative, and nurturing environment that engages the whole child. Burgundy's innovative, hands-on approach to education cultivates independent thinking, promotes academic excellence, instills respect for diversity, and teaches responsibility for self, for others and for the natural world.

Special Needs: No
Other Information: Accredited by AISGW, VAIS, and NAIS.

Discovery Time Learning Center

Website:	www.DiscoveryTimeLearning.com
Address:	1509 Leslie Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301
Director:	Stephanie Harris, M. Ed.
Phone Number:	703-930-9043
Age range:	6 weeks - 5 years old; School Age Program 6 - 12 years old
School times:	7:00 - 6:00
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Tours are always available!
Registration:	Enrollment information and applications are available on our website.
Goals or Philosophy:	Discovery Time Learning Center was founded with a purpose of supporting families, guiding discoveries, and empowering children to be their very best. This mission guides our work and is essential to providing young learners with the strong early childhood foundation that is so critical to their future.
Special Needs:	Please call us to discuss.

dots4ped

Website:	www.dots4ped.com
Address:	8208 Smithfield Ave, Springfield, VA 22152
Director:	Melanie Kellett, MS, OTR/L and Jodie Callahan, OTR/L
Phone Number:	570-847-2140
Age Range:	2 - 18
School Times:	We come to you! We offer flexible occupational therapy sessions throughout the week in your child's natural environment, including the home and/or school setting dependent upon your child's needs.
Registration:	Contact us or visit our website to begin the therapy process!
Goals or Philosophy:	Families are an integral part of the therapy process at dots4ped. As an inclusive therapy practice, we welcome all dedicated individuals involved in your child's life to participate and contribute in the treatment planning process. Success is accelerated through parent education, family involvement, and home program implementation. We build healthy, trusting and collaborative relationships between families and professionals by providing an informal, comfortable environment, which fosters respect and growth. We strive to increase the self-esteem of children with special needs or unique challenges.
Special Needs:	Occupational therapy, in a pediatric setting, utilizes play and therapeutic activities to address children's strengths and challenges within their activities of daily living, such as feeding, dressing, handwriting, and peer interactions, which promotes increased self-esteem and greater independence. We specialize in helping children with the following difficulties and/or diagnoses: sensory processing challenges, behavior or self-regulation challenges, handwriting difficulties, delayed developmental milestones, feeding struggles or picky eating habits, fine motor/visual motor deficits, neuromuscular diagnoses (Cerebral Palsy, Dystonia), autism spectrum disorder, down syndrome and genetic disorders.
Other Information:	You are your child's best advocate. Our job is to provide you with a good base of support, understanding, and knowledge so that you can navigate the challenges your child and family may face.

Emmanuel Preschool

Website:	www.emmanuelonhigh.org
Address:	1608 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301
Director:	Ressa Jones
Phone Number:	703-683-0303

Email: Director@epsonhigh.org
 Age Range: 2 - 5 years
 School Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Lunchtime included; children bring lunch from home)
 Extended Care: EPS After School Enrichment on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:30-2; Independently run After School Options also offered, M, Th, F from 12:30-1:30, for varied classes.
 Coop: No
 Open House Date: Thursday, January 21st at 9:30 a.m.
 Registration: Applications due by February 1st. Lottery is on Wednesday, February 3rd. Families notified by Thursday, February 4th.
 Goals or Philosophy: Emmanuel Preschool offers a play-based, developmentally appropriate, and enriching education for pre-school aged children. We value the spirit of every individual child and provide a safe, nurturing, and inviting environment where children can learn through play, explore their environment, take risks, and become inspired life-long thinkers and learners. At our core, we want to present meaningful experiences for children where they feel confident, self-assured, and empowered to be a leader in their learning and develop a strong sense of self. This leadership enables children to help construct their own learning, develop crucial social skills, and not only learn academic skills but also how to be a strong, independent citizen in our society. Thus, we provide opportunities to develop the whole child and help him/her be well prepared for life and school.
 Special Needs: No

Fairlington Preschool

Website: www.fairlingtonumc.org/page/fairlington-preschool
 Address: 3900 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
 Director: Carol Keller
 Phone Number: 703-671-3939
 Age Range: 2 - 5 years
 School Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Extended Care: Optional after school activities are offered during the Fall and Spring
 Coop: No
 Open House Dates: Jan. 22rd, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
 Registration: Application form and fee of \$45 are accepted after January 22rd 2016.
 Goals or Philosophy: At Fairlington Preschool, we believe that play is the natural mode of learning for the young child. Within the context of play, children learn through experiences that emphasize sensory awareness, independent thinking and decision making, and the development of social skills. The learning environment offers a wide variety of experiences and materials. The High/Scope curriculum is the framework for the daily routine and the activities provided. Handwriting without tears is used in the 4's classes
 Special Needs: Yes, fully included in the program
 Other Information: A certified therapeutic recreational therapist on the staff spends some time every day in classrooms setting up movement activities, working in small groups or one on one with children, helping children meet goals in the areas of fine and gross motor as well as the cognitive and social areas. She also sets up activities on the playground. There is also an extensive lending library and every week, children choose a book to borrow. Beginning in 2016-2017, an Occupational Therapist as well as a Speech/language Therapist will be on staff.

Faith Lutheran Preschool

Website: <http://flcva.org/preschool/>
 Address: 3313 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201
 Director: Carrie Field
 Phone Number: 703-525-1375

Age Range:	3 - 4
School Times:	T W Th, 9:15 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. for 3's classes & T W Th F, 9:15 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. for 4's classes
Extended Care:	Before school, 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. (\$5.00 per day)
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	January 14th at 10 a.m. & January 21st at 10 a.m.
Registration:	Annual application for admission and registration occur in January for the following school year. This year's application deadline is January 29th, 2016. Registration priority is given first to Faith Lutheran Church members, second to currently enrolled families, and third to alumni families. Admission is then open to the public by means of a lottery. Application forms will be available on our website in December.
Goals or Philosophy:	Our mission is to empower each individual child to investigate his or her interests within a loving community of peers and adults through a play-based, child-directed program which encompasses both social and educational objectives. Our curriculum is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy of early childhood development. We provide a safe, playful environment where our children are free to discover, explore, question, and express their own experiences, predictions, and evaluations. Offering a variety of materials, tools, concepts, and equipment - including a new Outdoor Classroom - we help children to see alternatives, to problem solve, and to make their own decisions. We are committed to observe and listen, and then to react to and validate ideas with respect, imagination and tenderness. We have a vibrant parent community and communicate age-appropriate developmental goals to support the holistic education process outside the school walls. We welcome children of all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds.
Special Needs:	Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to contact the director in order to discuss a plan that will best serve the child's needs.

First Baptist Church Clarendon Child Development Center (FBCC CDC)

Website:	www.cdcarlington.org
Address:	1306 N Highland Street, Arlington, VA 22201
Director:	Secethia Boardley-Davis
Phone Number:	703-522-6477
Age Range:	12 weeks – 5 years
School Times:	6:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	No. Day/Spring Break/Summer Camp for School Age K-4 th Grade
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Tours welcomed M-F by appointment
Registration:	\$75 wait list fee
Goals or Philosophy:	The FBCC CDC is a non-profit ministry of the Church at Clarendon. The FBCC CDC operates to provide a quality Christian Early Childhood Education Program designed to address the physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual developmental domains of children ages 12 weeks – 5 years while their parents work. The philosophy and focus of the FBCC CDC is to provide exceptional care and early learning experiences in the context of brain-compatible, developmentally appropriate in both practice and experience. We strongly believe that a child's primary needs are love and attention.
Special Needs:	Call for information.
Other Information:	We offer classrooms in both High Scope and Montessori curriculum. We include enrichment programs such as Spanish and Music in all classrooms, then we add more as children grow older, such as Physical Education, Music, Library, World Explorers, Chinese, Fine Arts, Dramatic Theatre, Science, Math and many more. We also offer extra-curricular programs such as BalletNOVA, Power Tots and Piano lessons. We have 2 classrooms of Pre-K and one classroom of Jr. K for those who have missed the Kindergarten cut-off date. Our Day Camps, Spring Break Camp and Summer Camp are offered for Elementary School Children Grades K-4.

First Baptist Church Weekday Preschool Ministry

Website:	http://www.fbcalexandria.org/wpm
Address:	2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director:	Eileen Lane and Teri Stewart
E-mail:	eileen@fbcalexandria.org ; teri@fbcalexandria.org
Phone Number:	703- 684-3733
Age Range:	1-5 years
School Times:	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	Optional
Open House Dates:	Tours by Appointment. Call or e-mail Teri Stewart at teri@fbcalexandria.org
Registration:	Registration for the 2016-17 school year starts on Jan. 4, 2016. Initial registration is from January 4 th through 29 th .
Goals or Philosophy:	The purpose of First Baptist Weekday Preschool Ministry is to provide developmentally appropriate learning and social experiences in a Christ-centered environment. All of the classes use a Bible-based curriculum designed to provide an early childhood program that supports the individuality of each child.
Special Needs:	No

Fort Hunt Preschool

Website:	www.forthuntpreschool.com
Address:	1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA 22307
Director:	Nancy Renner, director@forthuntpreschool.com
Phone Number:	703-768-7584
Admissions Chair:	Jennifer Ulman, admissions@forthuntpreschool.com
Age Range:	2.5-5 years (with limited number of 2 year old spots)
School Times:	9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	Yes
Open House Dates:	Jan. 9, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Registration:	Open Enrollment begins January 9, 2016 and runs through January 23rd. Open Enrollment students are admitted according to a lottery system drawn from completed applications and fee submission (priority is given to current students and their siblings, alumni, staff, and MVUC members; please see our Admissions Policy for complete details). There is a \$50 application fee per student at the time you apply. Applications are available on the website.
Goals or Philosophy:	At Fort Hunt Preschool we believe that children learn best in a safe, nurturing environment, supported by a cooperative partnership of parents and teachers. FHP's approach to early childhood education draws on the strengths of a variety of educational philosophies to provide each child with developmentally appropriate opportunities for social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Through personal experience, discovery, and play (the "work" of childhood), we cultivate children's natural curiosity and foster respect for self, others, and the natural world. FHP's learn through play philosophy emerges as we interact with and respond to our natural environment. Children are encouraged to explore and experiment using a variety of materials and equipment, including our serene outdoor play and classroom areas.
Special Needs:	Please call the director to discuss any special needs.
Other Information:	Essential to our program is the teacher's role of listening to and talking with each child. To further develop the teacher-student relationship, our class sizes are small with a high ratio of adults to children of 1:4. In addition, there is a weekly movement class for children in our 3s and 4s classes, as well as a number of field trips throughout the year.

Frog Pond Early Learning Center

Website:	www.frogpondkids.org
Address:	7204 Harrison Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
Director:	Jenna Martin
Phone Number:	703-765-7663
Age Range:	18 months to Pre-K
School Times:	Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Extended Care:	Yes
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Saturdays, Feb. 6, 2016 & June 11, 2016 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Registration:	Year-Round Open Enrollment
Goals or Philosophy:	At Frog Pond Daycare/Preschool we care for the whole child. We focus on social and emotional intelligence in an enriching and stimulating natural environment. Our kids are immersed in natural settings as they plant and tend to our gardens; care for our goats, chickens, and turtles; observe and study native wildlife – including beavers, herons, salamanders, frogs, fish and insects at Frog Pond and in neighboring Huntley meadows.
Special Needs:	We are an inclusion school. Frog Pond was founded in 1998 by Pam Tinker, a physical therapist and experience health care manager. As part of her lifelong mission in the community to advocate for people who have disabilities, she founded this early learning center and designed it to be wheelchair and walker accessible. We have an on-site inclusion specialist working with parents and teachers to ensure a successful school experience.
Other Information:	We nurture the body as well as the mind. We serve healthy and nutritious foods, including fresh -made meals; fresh fruits and vegetables; whole grain snacks; organic milk and cheese; and more. Check out our website for much more information about our tuition and classes.

Grace Episcopal School

Website:	http://www.graceschoolalex.org/
Address:	3601 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305
Head of School:	Patricia R. Culbreth
Director of Admissions:	Benita Cathey
Phone Number:	703-549-5067
Age Range:	Preschool – Grade 5 (Children must be 3 years old by August 31st to be eligible)
School Times:	Preschool-Junior Kindergarten, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m./ Kindergarten- Grade 5, 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Extended Care:	Yes
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Nov. 11, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and January 20, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Reservations are not required. Other Tours: By appointment on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Please contact the Admissions Office to schedule a tour.
Registration:	Application deadline: February 1, 2016 (Acceptance letters mailed in early March) Application process for Preschool: Parent tour (not required but recommended), application, teacher recommendation (when applicable), and a scheduled play date with parents in attendance. Application process for Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten: Parent tour (not required but recommended), application, teacher recommendation, WPPSI test, and a scheduled classroom visit or playdate.
Goals or Philosophy:	Founded in 1959, Grace Episcopal School provides an academically challenging and developmentally appropriate education for children in Preschool through Fifth Grade. Our strong academic program emphasizes the basic tools of learning: reading, writing, and mathematics. Students receive personal attention in small classes, and learn to be critical thinkers and successful problem solvers. The curriculum is varied - rich in music, literature, art, history, science, physical education, and spiritual development. Grace Episcopal School is a small

school by design. Its size and educational philosophy enables the faculty and staff to develop fully the potential of each student – academically, socially, and morally – in a loving and nurturing environment. Our highly experienced teachers are committed to knowing each student individually, and their efforts extend beyond the classroom to our playgrounds and playing fields, our stage, our enrichment programs, and service to the greater community. Grace Episcopal School educates the whole student - intellectually, physically, and spiritually.

Special Needs: No
Other Information: Accreditation: VAIS; Affiliations: Independent Education, NAIS, MAESA

Gymboree Play & Music School Skills Program

Website: <http://www.gymboreeclases.com/index.jsp>
Address: 318 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304
Director: Mary Stanton
Phone Number: 703-836-2277
Age Range: 3 - 5 years
Extended Care: No
Coop: No
Open House Dates: TBD
Registration: May preview a class by appointment
Goals or Philosophy: We believe that children need to develop at their own pace through physical, cognitive and creative activities in a stimulating and playful environment, with the involvement of parents/caregivers. School Skills is a drop off program. Our curriculum was designed in conjunction with Zero to Three and focuses on the key skills to help prepare your child for school-physical, language, thinking skills, peer activities and group play.

Helen Day Preschool Academy

Website: www.hopkinshouse.org/programs/helen-day-preschool-academy
Address: 1224 Princess Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director: Dawn Erausquin, M. Ed.
Phone Number: 571-480-4088
Age Range: 6 weeks to 5 years
School Times: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Open House Dates: Please call the school for more information.
Registration: Applications are accepted for enrollment year-round. To apply, please go to our website and follow the steps under Admission Application.
Goals or Philosophy: The Hopkins House Preschool Academy is a true “school”. Our focus, in addition to offering a safe-haven for the children, is educating and preparing them for exceptional achievement in kindergarten and beyond. At the Hopkins House Preschool Academy, we value families and the central role they play as first teachers for their children; we value age-appropriate teaching methods founded on best practices and implemented by well-educated and trained educators; and, we value activities in the classroom that allow children to explore, experiment, imitate, ask questions and be questioned.
Special Needs: Please call the school for more information.
Other Information: To ensure a safe, family environment, enrollment at the Preschool Academy is limited to just 75 children. The small size of each class enables individual attention to the needs of each of our “Young Scholars”.

Immanuel Lutheran School

Website: www.ILS.Alexandria.org
Address: 1801 Russell Road/109 Belleaire Road, Alexandria 22301
Director: Julia Habrecht

Phone Number: 703-549-7323
 Age Range: Starting at 4 years (Jr. Kindergarten through 8th grade)
 School Times: 8:20 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for Jr. K, 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for Kindergarten
 Extended Care: Yes (available until 6:00 p.m.)
 Coop: No
 Open House Dates: October 1, 2015, 9 a.m.; November 5, 2015, 9 a.m.; January 7, 2016, 9 a.m.; Walk-in-Wednesday
 Tours available each week at 10 a.m.
 Registration: For our "Early Admission" deadline, the application and non-refundable fee of \$95 is due by 3:00
 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016.
 Goals or Philosophy: With an Alexandria heritage dating back to 1870, Immanuel Lutheran School features a
 Christian, classical education with a liberal arts curriculum for grades Jr. K-8. Immanuel's Jr.
 Kindergarten (Jr. K) features a fully integrated, classical curriculum that includes theology,
 language and early literacy development, math, science, history, music and art. Immanuel
 Lutheran School is a member of The Consortium for Classical and Lutheran Education and The
 Association of Classical & Christian Schools.
 Special Needs: No

Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia

Website: <http://WWW.JCCNV.org> and <http://www.bethelhebrew.org>
 Address: 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria VA 22304
 Director: Dina Backer
 Phone Number: 703-537-3084
 Age Range: 18mo (by Sept 30) - 4
 School Times: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Extended Care: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Coop: No
 Open House Dates: Individual tours by appointment
 Registration: Begins in January for new families
 Goals or Philosophy: Reggio Emilia inspired philosophy
 Special Needs: Case by case basis

Keshet Child Development Center

Website: www.keshetcdc.com
 Address: 758 South 23rd Street, Arlington, VA 22202
 Email: preschool@keshetcdc.com
 Director: Ilisa St. Pierre
 Phone Number: 703-535-5525
 Age Range: Mommy & Me (12 – 24 months) Preschool (2-5 years old)
 School Times: 9:15 – 1:15
 Extended Care: Early drop of at 8:30, Extended day until 3:00
 Coop: No
 Open House Dates: Personal tours by appointment
 Registration: Feb. 1– open to current families; Feb.15– General Registration, on a first come first served basis.
 Goals or Philosophy: Our goal is to increase our children's awareness of the world in which they live through a
 program that encourages social, emotional, educational, and physical development. Keshet's
 warm, friendly, and stimulating environment enables all of our children to feel comfortable,
 express themselves openly, and become valued members of the group. All of our activities are
 organized to meet the needs of the whole child and make the process of learning a positive and
 enjoyable experience. Emphasis is placed on instilling a love for and an understanding of our
 Jewish heritage, traditions, and values, while laying the foundation for a lifelong joy of learning.

Special Needs: We do accept children with special needs. We do not have a specific policy in place, but we will work with each family to the best of our ability to accommodate individual children.

Local Motion Studio

Website: www.localmotionstudio.com
Address: 2377 S Dove St, Alexandria, VA 22314
Children's Program Director: Kylie Murray
Email: kylie@localmotionstudio.com
Phone Number: 703-299-0017
Age Range: Classes for ages 2 to 12 years
Goals or Philosophy: At Local Motion Studio our goal is to give your child a fun and supportive place to move, dance, and explore. The curriculum is designed to stimulate both a child's mental and physical development. Encouraging individual creativity, teaching proper alignment and technique, and placing importance on collaboration are all important building blocks to our well thought-out and fun movement program. Our approach to dance technique stems from the belief that everyone can dance, and that creating in every class is a major component to developing the "whole dancer". We offer a supportive and professional environment that encourages the recreational and aspiring professional alike.

Meeting House Cooperative Preschool

Website: www.mhcppreschool.org
Site address: 316-318 S. Royal St., Alexandria VA 22314
Mailing address: 323 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria VA 22314
Director: Tania Ryan
Phone number: 703-549-8037
Age Range: 24 months to 5 years
School hours: 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Extended Care: Lunch Bunch, Extended Day
Coop: Yes, 3-4 times a year.
Open House: Jan. 27, 2016
Registration: Application on website in November. Admission is by lottery after current families are placed.
Goals or Philosophy: The MHCP provides an exceptional, developmentally appropriate education for preschoolers. It uses the emergent learning curriculum model as the basis for the children's program. This developmentally based curriculum accepts the children as active learners who learn through play. The adult guides the children through productive and meaningful play. It is through the adult guidance that the children develop independence and responsibility for their learning.
Special Needs: Yes, we can accommodate children with mild special needs. MHCP is one of the few preschools in the area that has a program for inclusion of children with mild learning disabilities.
Other Information: Spanish classes, music and movement classes, and PE are offered during the week.

Metamorphosis Art and Enrichment Center

Website: www.metamorphosisaec.com
Address: 1801 N Quaker Lane, Alexandria VA 22302
Director: Selena Orona & Jean Frank-Stark
Phone Number: 703-944-4381
Age Range: 2 years – 15 years
School Times: Times and classes vary from 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Evening classes are offered for adults.
Registration: On-going
Goals or Philosophy: Metamorphosis Art and Enrichment Center empowers individuals and families through art. We focus on character development using the process of art. The goal is for all ages to increase self-awareness and bring creativity to the forefront of daily life. Metamorphosis embraces the

philosophy of art advancing the affairs of families and communities. The curriculum is designed to teach high quality lessons including principals and elements of art, composing, organizing, color theory, and learning about famous and local artists. The lessons also discuss grit attributes such as determination, patience and perseverance. Families are engaged together in being creative and using art as a vehicle to have important conversations related to grit attributes. Everyone is engaged at his/her own level. Parents/caregivers are given their own canvas or project to work side by side with their child. Families are encouraged to practice the art exercises at home. Classes offered are: 4-week series Art Playgroup; Family Art Workshops (90 minutes); Ladies Night Out

Montessori School of Alexandria

Website:	montessorischoolofalexandria.com
Address:	6300 Florence Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310
Director:	Corinne Salah
Phone Number:	703-960-3498
Age Range:	3-12
School Times:	9:00 – 12:00 (half day primary); 9:00 – 3:00 K; 8:30 – 3:30 Elementary
Extended Care:	7:30-9:00 and 12:00-6:00
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	November 18 and March 2 9:30-11:00; Observations and Tours by appointment beginning in October
Registration:	Application can be found on our website, \$125 fee
Goals or Philosophy:	MSA follows the principles developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. She felt children excel when placed in an environment where they have developmentally appropriate materials and teachers to guide them to become self-motivated, independent individuals. Montessori's theories include: children are to be respected; children create themselves through purposeful activity. The most important years for learning are from birth to age six.
Special Needs:	All children are considered on an individual basis.
Other Information:	The fact that the Montessori beliefs include a respect for each child's individual uniqueness, and help each child reach his or her full potential are the main reasons parents and caregivers choose Montessori over any other childcare program.

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Preschool

Website:	http://mvpconline.org/preschool
Address:	2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
Director:	Tara Macbeth
Phone Number:	703-765-7867
Email:	mvpcpreschool@gmail.com
Age Range:	2 ½ to 5 years old
School Times:	9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday
Extended Care:	We have Lunch Bunch daily, from noon until 1 p.m. From 1 to 2 p.m. we offer our Extended Day Enrichment Classes taught by our own teachers. The variety of classes range from art, science, a book club, creative movement, and crafts to preschool engineering.
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	December 9, 2015 and January 22, 2016 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We also welcome families to make an appointment to set up a tour.
Registration:	\$100 Fee, registration for the 2016-17 school year opens January 22nd, 2016. Form is online at www.mvpconline.org/preschool
Goals or Philosophy:	At MVPC Preschool we follow a developmentally appropriate, theme based curriculum, where concepts and ideas are integrated throughout our daily activities. We believe that children learn best through play. As active participants in their own learning, our students enjoy engaging and

creative activities in a positive learning environment. Each week during the school day our curriculum is enhanced with classes in music, library and yoga; all taught by our own specialist teachers.

Other Information: Located conveniently between Old Town Alexandria and Mt. Vernon our bright, modern facility offers stimulating and spacious classrooms, a well stocked art room, music room and large indoor play space. Our library is full of the best children's literature from the classics to award winning new titles. Our spacious shady playground has a wonderful assortment of play equipment and toys suited to the development of a preschooler's gross motor skills, social interaction, and cooperative play. In addition to being a fabulous place for outdoor play and families to socialize after school, our playground space enables our teachers to implement hands-on lessons in science, art, and so much more. We have raised garden beds, outdoor art easels, a large sand box, and plenty of seating for everyone whether it's time for snack or for science! *"Everyone is so warm and friendly, any first day jitters about starting a new school were soon gone. MVPCP is a true gift to the community. From the moment we walked in on the first day, I knew we were in the right place. Our daughter learned so much in the classroom and loved having art, music, yoga and library time too, what more could a parent ask for!"*
-The Petrilli Family, 08/15

Mt. Vernon Weekday School

Website: www.weekdayschool.net
Address: 2006 Belle View Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22307
Director: Melissa Dutcher
Phone Number: 703-765-0140
Age Range: 2-5 years
School Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care: No
Coop: No
Open House Dates: January 28th and 29th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Open House style with tours going on all morning.
Registration: Registration for current students and church members starts on January 25th. New families are welcome to register at the open house on January 28th. Registration is from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. or by appointment with the director.
Goals or Philosophy: Our mission is to provide parents of preschool children a quality preschool experience and peace of mind. Mount Vernon Weekday School is here to provide your child with a safe, loving, stress-free, and educationally-rich environment. Our Program Goals: To provide experiences which enhance each child's social, physical, intellectual, emotional and creative growth; To offer a curriculum that is child-centered, open-ended, process oriented, and play-based; To create opportunities for exploration and experimentation; To help children understand their feelings and the feelings of others; To allow children choices and decision-making opportunities; To develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills; To promote acceptance of diversity, and to promote self-esteem, confidence, individuality, positive self-image, autonomy, and success.
Special Needs: We welcome all children at MVWS.

Old Town Montessori School

Website: www.aquinasmontessorischool.com
Address: 112 S. Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director: David Futrell
Administrative Director: Cecelia Snyder
Phone number: 703- 684-7323
Age range: 3-6 years
School times: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Extended Care: 7:30 a.m. - 8:25 a.m., 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Friday, December 11th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for prospective parents and Friday, January 15th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for prospective parents. Tours and observations by appointment.
Registration: 1. Parent observation (by appointment)
2. Submission of application and a \$150 nonrefundable application fee
3. Orientation meeting for prospective parents
4. Candidates for the upcoming school year will be scheduled for a school visit between January and February, and
5. Acceptance announcements will be made by March 1st.
Goals or Philosophy: To create a nurturing environment where each child proceeds at his/her own pace to achieve a full potential. Accreditations by Association of Montessori Internationale (AMI)
Special Needs: No

OWLS Therapy

Website: www.owlstherapy.com
Address: PO Box 6153 Arlington, VA 22206
Director: Janene Martin, MA, CCC-SLP
Email: owlstherapy@gmail.com
Phone Number: 858-699-5638
Age Range: 2-12
School Times: Therapy appointments offered Monday-Friday *at your home (or at your child's school with director permission)*. We come to you!
Goals or Philosophy: Welcome to OWLS Therapy! Based in the Alexandria/Arlington area of Virginia, we are here to help your child meet their full potential. Speech and communication skills are paramount to both academic and social success and we pride ourselves in offering comprehensive evaluations and evidence based treatment that incorporate clinical expertise, best current evidence, and client values. We also understand that your time is important which is why all of our services are offered in the comfort and convenience of your own home.
Special Needs: OWLS Therapy is committed to meeting all of your child's speech and language needs. We currently offer in-home appointments for children ages 2-12 in the areas of: Apraxia/Oral Motor Speech Disorders, Articulation and Phonological Awareness Disorder, Auditory Processing Disorders, Aural Rehabilitation related to cochlear implants, Communication Disorders related to Autism/Aspergers, Executive Functioning/Higher Order Thinking Skills, Receptive and Expressive Language Disorders, Social/Pragmatic Communication Disorders, Stuttering, Voice and Resonance Disorders including cleft palate speech

OWLS Therapy uses the Lindamood Bell programs of LiPS, Seeing Stars, and Visualizing/Verbalizing to target: Dyslexia, Reading Comprehension Disorders, Writing/Spelling Disorders
Other Information: No one knows your child better than you do. We are here to help with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child's development.

Papitám (Let's Play): A Mobile Native American Children's Program

Website: www.piscatawayindians.com
Academic Program Manager: Amanda Dagle
Phone Number: 703-310-7774
Age Range: Pre-K through 2nd grade
Program Times: Papitám travels to your school, park, library, museum or organization to facilitate learning through play. Appointments available: Monday through Saturday 8:00 – 2:00

Locations: We come to you! Anywhere in the DMV.
Staff: Piscataway Tribal Leaders and degreed Early Ed Teachers
Goals or Philosophy: To provide children with positive and culturally accurate first concepts of local Native American life through play.
Program Details: Our 1.5 hour children's program includes: stories by our LED campfire, make and take Piscataway pottery and jewelry, archery (safety set), Algonquin language, drumming & dancing and artifacts from our museum.

Plymouth Haven Christian Preschool

Website: www.plymouthhaven.org/preschool
Address: 8600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria, VA 22308
Director: Christine Jenne
Phone: 703-799-2217
Age Range: 2-5
School Times: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Extended Care: 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.; Enrichment classes are also offered throughout the school year.
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Parents are encouraged to view and tour the school. Appointments are not necessary.
Registration: Information available on the website.
Goals or Philosophy: Plymouth Haven Christian Preschool is a ministry of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, responding to the needs of the families living in our community. The preschool mission is to provide quality early childhood education and spiritual guidance in a Christian environment. PHBC teachers provide a balanced and well-planned program. This is accomplished through a thematic approach with varied activities based on the child's needs, interest and abilities.
Special Needs: Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to contact the director to determine if Plymouth Haven Christian Preschool can provide the best experience for their children.

Potomac Crescent Waldorf School

Website: <http://www.potomaccrescentschool.org/>
Address: 923 South 23rd Street, Arlington, VA 22202
Director: Tricia Clark
Phone Number: 703-486-1309
Email: info@potomaccrescentschool.org
Age Range: Infant to Grade 5
School Times: 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Early Bird: 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Afternoon Program: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Extended Care: 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Coop: N/A
Open House Dates: *Information Evenings: Mondays 9/28, 11/2, 12/7, 2/1, 4/4: 7:30 – 8:30; Observation Mornings: Tuesdays 9/29, 11/3, 12/8, 2/2, 4/5: 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Morning in the Grades: 11/7 and 1/23: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., and Open House: 11/7 and 1/23: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.* Tours scheduled weekly. Please call or email to set up.
Registration: Application due date is February 1. At other times children may be enrolled on a rolling basis as space permits.
Goals or Philosophy: Our curriculum, based on the nearly century old philosophy of Rudolf Steiner, strives to teach the whole child—head, heart and hands—through a play-based morning for the kindergartens and through experiential, arts-based methods in the grades. Waldorf education trusts the wisdom of the human being and nurtures a sense of connection, support and responsibility within the community. Our educational goal is to foster the development of free-thinking individuals who revere nature, respect fellow beings and have a lifelong love of learning. Committed to serve and reflect our locality of Northern Virginia near the District of Columbia,

the faculty work together as colleagues to allow the Waldorf approach to provide each child with a future-oriented education, in which lasting capacities and skills will serve the student for life.

- Special Needs: Special needs children can sometimes be accommodated. Discussion with the class teacher is required prior to acceptance.
- Other Information: *Accreditations:* Potomac Crescent Waldorf School is a developing member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America and full member of Waldorf Early Childhood Education of North America.
- Notes: In Mid-Fall 2015, Potomac Crescent Waldorf School will be moving from our present location to Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King Street, Alexandria, VA.

Sleepy Hollow Preschool

- Website: www.sleepyhollowpreschool.com
- Address: 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003
- Director: Debbie Brown
- Phone Number: 703-941-9791
- Age Range: 2-5 years
- School Times: 9:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Extended Care: Various after school programs are offered
- Coop: Yes
- Open House Dates: January 13 and 14, 2016
- Goals or Philosophy: We encourage the development of positive self-esteem and self-discipline. We also encourage children to think for themselves, make decisions and trust themselves. We learn through play!
- Special Needs: Yes

Saint Agnes Catholic School

- Website: www.saintagnes.org/school
- Address: 2024 North Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22207
- Director: Denise Ferguson
- Phone Number: 703-527-5423
- Age Range: Age 4 by September 30
- School Times: Half-day (8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)
- Extended Care: Optional afternoon hours are available until 3:00 p.m.
- Open House Dates: Prospective families are always welcome to visit and tour the school; contact the main office at 703-527-5423 or visit us at one of our Open Houses: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 9 a.m. and Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 10 a.m.
- Goals or Philosophy: The program is a developmental preschool program that focuses on social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development. The program capitalizes on the children's natural eagerness to learn through activities that prepare them for Kindergarten and beyond. Children are in the pre-operational stage of development: they are rapidly acquiring language and are eager learners; they are becoming less self-centered and gradually learning to see the viewpoint of others; they are very active and often noisy, yet need periods of quiet alternated with periods of activity.
- Special Needs: Please contact the school for more information.

Saint Charles Early Childhood Education Center

- Website: www.stcharlesarlington.org
- Address: 3299 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington VA 22201
- Director: Amy Fry
- Phone number: 703-527-0608
- Age Range: 3-5
- School hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Extended Care: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. (Lunch Bunch), 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Coop: No
 Open House Dates: Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, November 20 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.; Sunday, January 31 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Friday, February 5 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Registration: Opens November 18, 2015
 Goals or Philosophy: "Sharing in the Wonder of God's Creation"; Our mission is to provide a nurturing environment in which each child will develop spiritually, emotionally, socially, and cognitively. We recognize each child as a unique gift from God. Diversity is celebrated and welcomed.
 Other Information: Nut-free school.

St. Aidan's Episcopal Day School

Website: http://www.staidansepiscopal.com/Day_School/
 Address: 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria, VA 22308
 Director: Suzanne Odom
 Phone Number: 703-360-4160
 Age Range: 2 ½ -to Kindergarten
 School Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Extended Care: No
 Coop: No
 Open House Dates: Private Tours by appt.
 Registration: New Families can join a waiting list beginning December 1st by calling or emailing the school. New Families are offered spaces after current families register in January.
 Goals or Philosophy: We provide children with a sensory diet of the 3 M's: Music, Movement, and Mess, to support their development, and emphasize social emotional growth for all ages. We base our curriculum on the Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence. We also use Handwriting Without Tears for preschool. Our Kindergarten program follows the Fairfax County POS, and kindergarteners bring a bag lunch on Tuesday and Thursday, when they stay until 1pm.
 Special Needs: No
 Other Information: We offer an Extended Day program on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday that allows children age 4 and older to stay and play until 1 or 2 pm, and we offer Enrichment classes once a week that might be Spanish, Yoga, Drama, Science, or Sign Language.

St. Clement Episcopal School

Website: www.saintclement.org/ministries/school/schoolhome.html
 Address: 1701 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302
 Director: Dory Herman-Sample
 Phone Number: 703-998-8795
 Age Range: 2.5 (by Sept) - 5 years old (pre-K)
 School Times: 8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., with extended care until 3:00 or 6:00 p.m.
 Extended Care: Yes
 Coop: No
 Open House Dates: Jan. 22, 2016
 Registration: Telephone to arrange a personal tour between 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. M-Th. Registration is Feb 5th. First come, first served; priority is given to church members, returning students, and siblings of students.
 Goals or Philosophy: St. Clement Episcopal School is dedicated to encouraging children's curiosity by active, hands' on exploration, and to maintaining an atmosphere of love, joy and tolerance. We foster a community that supports both children and families, and engages the whole child. In addition to our daily activities, our children enjoy going to Music, Cooking, Chapel and Library every week. The school seeks to offer an engaging educational environment that promotes the development of children's spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, physical and artistic potential.

The school strives to help children know God's love and to seek God within themselves and others. All children are welcome, and all faith traditions are celebrated and honored. We also offer after school enrichment classes (movement or language).

St. Luke's Day School

Website: <http://www.stlukesdayschool.com/>
Address: 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308
Director: Anne Marie Coggins
Phone Number: 703-765-6699
Age Range: 2.5- Kindergarten
School Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., except Junior Kindergarten which meets 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Extended Care: Yes, until 4:00 p.m.
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Please call the school. We meet with each family on an individual basis.
Registration: Families are encouraged to visit St. Luke's, meet with the Day School Director and visit the classes. Commonwealth of Virginia requires proof of identity of child at the time of registration (i.e. certified copy of birth certificate). For more information please call Anne Marie Coggins, Day School Director, at 703-765-6699 or email: stlukesdayschool@cox.net
Goals or Philosophy: Our pre-school offers an environment that encourages curiosity, an awareness of the excitement of learning and the fun of being part of a group, while singing, playing and adventuring.

St. Paul's Explorers Preschool

Website: www.spexplorers.org
Address: 228 South Pitt Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Corner of Duke & Pitt)
Director: Mr. Rees Kirkorian
Phone Number: (703) 549-3312 X32
Age Range: 18 months- 36 months
School Times: Monday-Friday 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Extended Care: Limited After School Programs/Summer Day Camp 2016
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Private Tours by Appointment Year-Round
Registration: Open Enrollment, spexplorerspreschool@gmail.com
Goals or Philosophy: St. Paul's Explorers Preschool Program is a non-profit, creative, play-based preschool program for 18 months- 36 months. We specialize in providing a safe, loving environment for your toddler to transition from home to school. We focus on offering our Explorers a consistent, daily schedule; exposure to loving-dynamic educators; peer cooperation, a creative and age-appropriate curriculum that allows our students to explore their world! Come take a tour and explore with us!
Special Needs: We strive to meet the needs of all students regardless of their differing abilities
Other Information: Program Highlights- * Non-Profit Program, * 18-36 Months, * Open Enrollment, * Flexible Custom Schedules 2 days to 5 days per week, * \$50 A Day Tuition, * Creative-Play Based, Exploratory Program, *Multi-Lingual Staff, * Global Perspective, *After School Programs, * Summer Day Camps

St. Paul's Nursery and Day School

Website: <http://www.stpaulsnurseryschool.org/>
Address: 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director: Martha Scott Schafer
Phone Number: 703-549-1974
Age Range: 3 years- Kindergarten

School Times:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Snow Date: January 25, 2016)
Registration:	Call the school at 703-549-1974 for an Admissions Packet and Application
Goals or Philosophy:	Our program encompasses a wide variety of activities and learning opportunities designed to meet the needs of each individual child. Our curriculum fosters all aspects of a child's emotional, physical, social and intellectual development. It features an integrated, hands-on approach to learning. We strive for a balance between the development of language skills, social skills and perceptual/motor skills with art, music, movement, dramatic play, science, cooking, field trips and experimentation. Our activity oriented program in the Three and Four Year Old classes is flexible as well as challenging allowing for the individual differences in children this age. Social skills and language development are stressed. Children learn through planned play and teacher directed activities. Informal group readiness in math and language arts is begun in the Four Year Old Class. The Kindergarten program continues with more emphasis on reading, writing and math skills. Each class participates in simple chapel services once a week. Larger, all-school services occur four times a year. St. Paul's has its own library which houses over 3,000 books. Literary appreciation and the love of reading are important parts of our program. Each class meets with the librarian once a week. Our program also features weekly "Gatherings" of the entire school. We come together at the end of each week to recognize accomplishments, birthdays and to share simple class presentations and plays.
Special Needs:	No
Other Information:	We offer neighborhood bus service to and from school.

St. Rita School

Website:	http://www.saintritaschool.org/
Address:	3801 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA22305
Director:	Mary Pat Schlickemaier
Phone Number:	703-548-1888
Age Range:	3 - 5 years
School Times:	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.; School Hall; Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass (12 noon approx) School Hall
Registration:	The availability of space and the order of preference for admission are determined by the school according to the following general criteria: a) Children from the parish; b) Children from parishes without schools; c) Children from parishes with schools (for sufficient reason), d) Children from non-Catholic families.
Goals or Philosophy:	Featuring the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Saint Rita Preschool will be a wonderful introduction to both the social and academic world for our littlest students as well as a rich, varied environment designed to allow children to explore their Catholic Faith.
Other Information:	St. Rita offers a two or three day option for 3 year olds and a four or five day option for the 4-5 year olds.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School

Website:	www.sssas.org
Address:	400 Fontaine Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director:	Katherine Carbo, Director of Admission JK-5
Phone Number:	703-212-2705
Age Range:	Students in Junior Kindergarten will turn five by December 31st of their entering year.

School Times: 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Extended Care: Before care begins at 7:00 a.m. and after care ends at 6:00 p.m.
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Please call 703-212-2705 to schedule a Group Tour.
Registration: Enrollment information and applications are available on our website.
Goals or Philosophy: St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School is a college preparatory Episcopal Church School in the Diocese of Virginia that educates boys and girls from junior kindergarten through twelfth grade. Our mission begins with our youngest students, where the habits of the mind and heart are established. We emphasize thinking clearly, creatively and critically, expressing oneself effectively, acting in a responsible manner, and becoming a lifelong learner. Parents of younger children are welcome to attend our Saints Speaker Series events during the year which feature SSSAS faculty and administrators who address relevant topics for parents in the local community.

St. Thomas More Cathedral School

Website: <http://www.stmschool.org>
Address: 105 North Thomas Street, Arlington, VA 22203
Director: Eleanor McCormack
Phone Number: 703-528-6781
Age Range: Pre-K - 8th
School Times: 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Extended Care: Yes
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Wednesday, November 15, 2015, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pre-K & K focus
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., All Prospective Families
Sunday, January 31, 2016, 10:45am to 1:00pm; All Prospective Families
Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., All Prospective Families
Registration: Registration for the 2016-2017 school year for current families begins on October 1, 2015. Registration for new Catholic families begins on November 1, 2015. Registration for non-Catholic families begins on December 1, 2015. For more information regarding our admissions process and a link to our application materials, please visit our school website at: <http://stmschool.org/admissions/registration>.
Goals or Philosophy: The mission of St. Thomas More Cathedral School is to nurture and develop the spiritual, academic, social, and emotional promise of each child in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church—rooted in Gospel values and led by the example of the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ. We believe that learning begins in a safe and creative environment with high spiritual and academic standards. We approach learning as a cooperative experience that includes teacher direction, peer assistance, student self-discipline, and parent support. Our students have unique learning styles, talents, and abilities, and each is encouraged to reach his or her full potential by our professional and loving teaching staff. As part of our innovative approach towards education, we have incorporated STEM into our curriculum and are on-track to be the first elementary school in the United States to launch a student-built satellite into orbit!
Other Information: If you would like to visit our school, STM offers tours to families of prospective students in grades Pre K through 7. To schedule a tour, contact Mimi Neubauer at (703)528-6781 ext. 224 or mneubauer@stmschool.org.

Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool

Website: www.tauxemont.org
Address: 7719 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308
Director: Barbara Bradley
Phone Number: 703-765-9266 (main)

Age Range: 2.5- Kindergarten
School Times: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Extended Care: No
Coop: Yes
Open House Dates: January 10, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. School Tours: email tauxemontcoop@gmail.com or call Erin Cleary 202-297-0906 to schedule an appointment.
Registration: Open Enrollment begins January 11, 2016
Goals or Philosophy: Our primary purpose is to provide a developmentally appropriate environment for a child to grow, play and experience. Our curriculum is nature based, as we follow the seasons for direction and inspiration. We blend several different approaches including Montessori, Reggio and High-Scope.
Other Information: Tauxemont is licensed. Tauxemont is accredited by NAEYC.

The Del Ray Montessori School

Website: <http://www.thedelraymontessorischool.com>
Address: 100 East Windsor Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301
Email Address: office@thedelraymontessorischool.com
Director: Sarah Fondriest
Phone Number: 703-380-1241
Age Range: 18 months - 12 years
School Times: 8:15 a.m. – 1:00 & 3:15 p.m.
Extended Care: No
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Please see website for more information.
Registration: Must contact the school to schedule an Information Session and an observation of classes in session. Applications will be distributed after attending an Information Session.
Goals or Philosophy: Our goal is to create a rich, stimulating school environment that will unite a community of students, families, and staff to support the optimum development of the child and foster a life-long love of learning. We follow the principles of the Montessori method of education as set forth by Association Montessori Internationale (AMI).
Special Needs: No

Tippi Toes

Website: www.TippiToesDC.com
Address: Multiple locations including Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga, Saffron Dance, various preschools and elementary schools
Director: Claire Portolese
Phone Number: 202-527-9089
Age Range: 18M to 12Y
School Times: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. classes occur mostly mid-morning and afterschool depending on school and location preference
Extended Care: We bring the dancing to your extended day program!
Open House Dates: Feel free to come and try a class!
Registration: claire@tippitoesdance.com or www.TippiToesDC.com (click Enroll or view our schedule)
About: Tippi Toes DC is a mobile dance program dedicated to providing your children a dance studio experience in the convenience of their own school or a close location to your home. We teach ages 18M-12Y are always looking for new preschools, schools, play groups, and public spaces to introduce our upbeat, fun program to boys and girls!
Goals or Philosophy: To promote self-confidence and healthy living habits in children through the joy of dance and self-expression
Special Needs: Yes

Other Info: Tippi Toes brings their dance program to you - preschools, playgroups, Co-op's, afterschool programs. Program includes original music that incorporates imaginative concepts and dance terminology for a fun, positive class targeted to ages 2-5. Our Hip Hop curriculum for older students ages 6-12 is based on fun, popular music and is age-appropriate and clean yet super fun!

Trinity MOPS Preschool and Child Development Center

Website: www.trinitymethodistchurchalexandriava.org
Address: 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22302
Director: Gloria K. Oberkehr, mopsdirector@trinityalexandria.org
Phone: 703-549-7422
Age Range: 18 month – 5 years
Preschool: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Jump Start: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Play-date-with-new-friends: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lunch Bunch: 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Enrichment Classes: 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Spanish, Cooking, Science, Art Expression, Literacy, Yoga, Fun with Junk. Community children may enroll for our enrichments if enrollment warrants. We have a Bible story of the month which relates to love and acts of kindness. We have an active parent group called PAC and there are three components to PAC: social events, parent-education, and fundraising.
Open House Dates: Wednesday, January 13th and Thursday, January 14th 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Parents can schedule a tour with the Director at any time before January 13th.
Registration: Wednesday, January 13th and Thursday, January 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parents can email director at mopsdirector@trinityalexandria.org for more information.
Goals or Philosophy: We believe that each child is capable, engaged as a researcher, takes initiative, and represents knowledge in a variety of ways. We believe children learn best through play. We believe that through play, children grow physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually. We believe “curriculum” is everything that happens. We use *The Creative Curriculum*, which is based on three aspects of early childhood education: (1) child development, (2) content knowledge and (3), a variety of instructional strategies. Our daily schedule includes large group activities, small group activities, individual plans, snack time, read-a-long time, chapel and school group time, music and movement time, and outdoor time. Our Interest Areas include discovery, sand and water, literacy, toys and games, math, blocks, dramatic play, and fine arts. We accept children of all racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

UCM Early Learning Center

Website: www.ucmearlylearning.org
Address: 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
Director: Torria Baker
Phone Number: 703-765-0909
Age Range: 6 weeks to 5 years old
School Times: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Extended Care: N/A
Coop: N/A
Open House Dates: TBA
Registration: \$100 annually
Goals or Philosophy: At UCM Early Learning Center, we believe in a holistic approach to education. We believe in nurturing and supporting the cognitive, social, emotional, physical, independent, and creative development of a child. Our goal is to provide a stimulating, developmentally appropriate, safe, nurturing, and creative environment in which children thrive. Our teachers and staff are

extremely dedicated, enthusiastic, and energetic individuals, who make learning and play come to life.

Special Needs: We are an inclusive program

Other Information: UCM Early Learning Center is a community based resource program.

Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool

Website: <http://www.valleydrive.com/>

Address: 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria VA 22304

Director: Cindy Hodgkins

Phone Number: 703-519-3737

Age Range: 2.5 - 5 years old

School Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Extended Care: No

Coop: Yes

Open House Dates: Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Registration: Families must attend the open house prior to submitting an application.

Goals or Philosophy: Valley Drive's philosophy is child-centered and play-based. The teachers create an environment where children learn through active exploration and interaction with adults, other children, and an array of materials. While we recognize the crucial importance of skills such as reading and math as the children approach elementary school, play is the primary vehicle for preschool growth. It is our conviction that our students are nurtured best through a healthy emotional orientation toward school. We provide constructive play opportunities for students to develop skills that will aid their success in elementary school.

Washington Street United Methodist Church Preschool

Website: <http://wsumc.com/preschool/>

Address: 109 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Jasmine Milone

Phone Number: 703-549-7931

Email address: preschool@wsumc.com

Age Range: 2.5- 5 years

School Times: Classes are held for a three hour period with staggered arrival and dismissal between 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Extended Care: Once a week Lunch Bunch (Wednesdays until 2 pm from October through April)

Coop: No

Open House Dates: Friday, December 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Friday, January 15 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Registration: Enrollment information and applications for the 2016-2017 preschool term will be posted on our website on December 1, 2015 and are also available today at the Preschool Fair.

Goals and Philosophy: Washington Street UMC Preschool is program operated as a ministry of the Washington Street United Methodist Church. Our central message is one of God's unconditional love. We believe that each person is a child of God. Our ministry involves helping children to learn to live lovingly. Each child at our preschool will have every opportunity to develop socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically, and intellectually to his or her fullest potential. Special attention is given to each child's abilities and interests, using his or her strengths to foster development in all areas. Through literature, art, music, drama, and play, children enrolled in our program are encouraged to expand their imagination, develop confidence in their abilities, and build a strong self-image. In order to attend to each student's individual ability, very low student-teacher ratios are maintained. Our teaching staff is chosen based upon their educational experiences in the field of early childhood education as well as their nurturing personalities, enthusiasm, and love of teaching young children.

Special Needs: Parents of children with mild developmental delays, medical conditions, or any special needs are encouraged to contact the director in order to determine whether Washington Street Preschool would be able to provide the best possible environment and experience for their child.

Other Information: Strong Parent Community, Chapel, Spanish Language Instruction, Science Enrichment, Lunch Bunch, Walking Fieldtrips, Handwriting without Tears, Summer Camp

Westminster Weekday Preschool

Website: <http://www.wpc-alex.org/preschool>
Address: 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director: Carolyn Burke, preschooldirector@wpc-alex.org
Phone Number: 703-549-5267
Age Range: 2.5-4 and 5 years
School Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care: No
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Jan. 20, 2016 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Jan. 22, 2016 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration: See school website
Goals or Philosophy: Westminster Weekday Preschool is a developmental program that encourages each child to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively at his/her own pace. Our curriculum is based on an understanding of how children grow and develop, and how they learn and attempt to make sense of the world around them. Our belief is that children acquire this knowledge about their physical and social worlds through play and interaction with other children, adults and objects.

Special Needs: Yes
Other Information: Accreditation: Licensed by the Commonwealth of VA
Notes: Music class once/week; Occupational Therapist on staff three days/week; Outdoor Learning program emphasizes gross motor skills, nature and other outdoor activities during playground time; Lunch Bunch for 4s classes three Wednesdays/month; Handwriting without Tears for 4s classes once/week; Garden Club once/month; Two week Summer Camp in June; Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline approach used in all classrooms; Community Service activities throughout the year

About MOMS Club

For more information on the MOMS Club of Alexandria – Northeast, please visit:

<http://www.momsclubalexandria.com>

Or contact us via email:

momsclubalexandria@gmail.com

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