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BOOKLET

for the  
2024-2025 School Year



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## Agudas Achim Preschool

Website: <https://www.agudasachim-va.org>

Address: 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Jen Halpern

Phone Number: (703) 998-6072

Email Address: [preschool@agudasachim-va.org](mailto:preschool@agudasachim-va.org)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 8 - 9 am and 1 - 4 pm; 4 - 5 pm (M-Th)

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: [View](#) the 2023-2024 tuition rates

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: January 23 (Tues), 10:30-11:30 am

January 29 (Mon), 2:00-3:00 pm

February 7 (Wed), 9:00-10:00 am

February 16 (Fri), 12:00-1:00 pm

February 22 (Thurs), 5:30-6:30 pm

Registration: February 2024

School Philosophy: Play-Based

Child-Centered

Developmentally Appropriate

We believe all children should be respected and supported, engaged and challenged.

We value every child's special gifts and every family's place in our community.

We learn by playing, exploring, and building relationships with each other.

Special Needs: Case-by-case basis

Other Information: Founded in 2005, Agudas Achim Preschool is a warm, welcoming, and nurturing community preschool. Our children's experiences are guided by Jewish values and traditions and a developmentally appropriate curriculum. We cultivate an active, reflective, and creative learning environment, supporting the total development of each child: spiritual and moral, cognitive, social-emotional, and physical.

Throughout the day, the children will explore nature and their classroom environments and make new discoveries about the world around them. They will create open-ended art and work on craft projects. They will engage in social and dramatic play with their friends and take part in teacher-guided explorations. They will sing and dance, run and jump, read and wonder. They will learn to love learning.

Additional Information: Flexible schedule

Convenient location (right off I395)

Small class sizes

Low staff turnover

Spacious facility

STEAM lab

Creative programming

Family events



## Aldersgate Methodist Day School

Website: <https://www.aldersgate.net/dayschool>

Address: 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Beth Bachmore

Phone Number: (703) 768-8351

Email Address: [bbachmore@aldersgate.net](mailto:bbachmore@aldersgate.net)

Age Range of Students: 12 months – Kindergarten

School Hours: Most of our classes are 9am-12pm. The Day

School also offers a 5-hour fours and Junior

Kindergarten from 9am-2pm. Kindergarten is 9am-3pm.

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12pm-2pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- Kindergarten: See office (9am-3pm)
- Junior Kindergarten: \$795 (9am-2pm)
- 5-hour Fours: \$795 (9am-2pm)
- 5-day Threes, 5-day Fours: \$485
- 3-day Threes, 3-day Fours: \$325
- 2-day Threes: \$255
- Toddler I, Toddler II, Pre-3 (T/Th): \$275
- Toddler I, Toddler II, Pre-3 (MWF): \$395

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: January 25, 2024, 9:15am – Noon

Registration: Opens 12:01 am January 2, 2024

**School Philosophy:** The primary goals of the Day School include teaching each child that he/she is of great worth as a unique being in God's creation; that adults other than parents are helpful, friendly, and fun to be with; that group experiences with other children are exciting and gratifying; and that school is a fun and exciting place. We try to help each child grow toward his or her full potential, develop a love for learning, feel a sense of security, and think and act creatively. At all levels, the typical Day School morning includes verbal and gross and fine motor skills development through activities such as circle time, sharing time, use of manipulatives, and playground and/or Founders Hall free-play time. Creative and social development is fostered through daily arts and crafts, music (either participatory or listening), "reading" and story time, and other play activities. Please come visit and see all the wonderfully creative ways your child can learn!

**Special Needs:** Case by case

**Additional Notes:** The word "Aldersgate" comes from a place where, nearly 300 years ago, a priest named John Wesley first felt his heart on fire with love of God and love for his neighbor. At Aldersgate Day School, our goal is to offer the same opportunity to the children of our congregation and our community. Educating since 1962, Aldersgate Day School is a weekday, three- to five-hour ministry for children 12 months old through Kindergarten. At Aldersgate Day School, your children are (almost) as important to us as they are to you; that's why we provide a safe, loving, Christian environment for your children. Jesus said that for anyone to understand his Kingdom, they will first have to become like little children; that's why at Aldersgate Day School, we're committed not only to teaching your children: we're committed to treating them as though we have something to learn from them as well.



## Alexandria Country Day School

Website: [www.acdsnet.org](http://www.acdsnet.org)

Address: 2400 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Scott Baytosh

Phone Number: (703) 998-6072

Email Address: [lhendrickson@acdsnet.org](mailto:lhendrickson@acdsnet.org)

Age Range of Students: ages 5-15 (Grades K-8)

School Hours: 8:10am-3pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 7am-8:10am; 3pm-6pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: \$34,820 for grades K-2

\$35,820 for grades 3-5

\$37,750 for grades 6-8

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: November 16th at 9am; December 5th at 6pm (Grades K-4); December 6th at 6pm (Grades 5-8); January 4th at 9am

Registration: Application Deadline is Jan 12th.

**School Philosophy:** At Alexandria Country Day School, we provide a more personalized experience for your child, which leads to superior preparation for continuing academic and personal success.

Our curriculum and instruction challenges top students while meeting the needs of all students by offering flexibility, effective assessment, an array of methodologies, thoughtfully integrated use of technology, and a student-centered approach.

Our unique emphasis on speaking, writing, and multimedia communication skills across all curricular areas better prepares students for school, work, and life.

Our approach to assessment encourages reflection, self-awareness, and critical thinking, skills that are essential to future academic success. Our students are better able to work with others, ask questions, organize workload, and seek both challenge and support.

Our attention to balance and social-emotional learning help our students become kind, empathetic, and community-minded citizens who are able to work effectively with others and know how to engage in respectful discourse.

ACDS graduates represent the type of generous, kind, thoughtful, articulate, and confident person you want your child to become. They are successful at highly regarded independent day and boarding high schools, and in public school STEM, honors, and IB programs, including: Sidwell Friends School, St. Albans School, Maret School, National Cathedral School, Gonzaga College High School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria City High School STEM Academy, Georgetown Visitation, Woodberry Forest School, Mercersburg Academy, and The Potomac School.

**Special Needs:** No

**Other Information:** Currently, 29% of our families receive over \$700,000 in need-based financial aid. If you are hesitant to apply to ACDS because of financial considerations, please contact our Director of Admission & Financial Aid at [lhendrickson@acdsnet.org](mailto:lhendrickson@acdsnet.org) to discuss how an ACDS education could be affordable for your family.

**Additional Notes:** For more information, please visit [www.acdsnet.org](http://www.acdsnet.org) or contact Ann Whaley at [awhaley@acdsnet.org](mailto:awhaley@acdsnet.org) to rsvp for an Open House or schedule an individual tour.



## American Day School

**Address:** 917 Princess Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Director:** Pilar Mackay

**Phone Number:** (703) 837-0237

**Email Address:** [merybustinza@yahoo.com](mailto:merybustinza@yahoo.com)

**Age Range of Students:** 2 months-16 months

**School Hours:** 7:30am - 6:00pm

**Extended Care Available:** No

**Co-Op:** No

**Tuition Fees:** \$375-\$498 per week

**Open House This Year:** No

**Registration:** Year-round

**School Philosophy:** We believe that each child is a unique individual. At American Day School, it is our mission to provide a warm, nurturing environment for all children to grow intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

**Special Needs:** Not applicable

**Other Information:** 3 Locations in Oldtown Alexandria

**Additional Notes:** A science program and physical education class are provided to the children.



## Arlington Montessori House

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

Address: 3809 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201

Director: Wendie Marsh

Phone Number: (703) 524-2511

Email Address: [enrollment@arlingtonmontessori.com](mailto:enrollment@arlingtonmontessori.com)

Age Range of Students: 16 months- 6 years old

School Hours: 8:30 am- 12:00 pm; 8:30am- 3:00 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Early care 8:00 am-8:30 am

Aftercare 3:15 pm- 6:00 pm

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 8:30-12 pm \$12,400.00
- 8:30- 3 pm \$18,750.00
- Kindergarten \$11,160.00
  
- Early care \$1,050.00
- Aftercare \$5,570.00
  
- Late pick-up w/ notice \$10
- Late pick-up w/o notice \$35-\$50

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: Offering Parent Information Sessions In-Person November 9th & 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual November 30th at 7p.m.

Registration: Present- November 25th

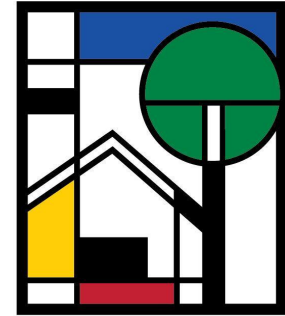
**School Philosophy:** The Montessori curriculum is based on the philosophy that a child is responsible for his or her own self-discovery and self-construction. The Montessori classroom is the child's primary learning "tool" which upholds an environment that activates and exercises all aspects of the child's mind, body, and spirit. As a result, we observe children who develop into joyful, self-directed, responsible, and respectful members of society.

Each classroom is directed by a Guide/Teacher who has been trained under the internationally-recognized organization, Association Montessori Internationale.

Special Needs: No

Other Information: New toddler program scheduled to open fall 2024

Additional Notes: Summer Montessori Enrichment program offered for the summer. Registration will begin in January for students 3-6 years old



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## Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool

Website: <https://aucpva.org>

Address: 4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204

Director: Program Director: Diann Vaughan

Director, Curriculum & Staff Development: Kevan Miller

Phone Number: (703) 892-3878

Email Address: [membership.aucpva@gmail.com](mailto:membership.aucpva@gmail.com)

Age Range of Students: Infant to PreK

School Hours: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm (3 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: We offer Extended Day (12:30 - 3 pm) for 3s and 4s on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 1-year-olds: \$155/month
- 2-year-olds: \$260/month
- 3-year-olds: \$365/month
- 4-year-olds: \$475/month
- Optional Enrichment Classes: \$155/month
- Extended Day (Thursday, 3s and 4s): \$130/month

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: January 20, 2024, 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Registration: Applications due on February 9, 2024

School Philosophy: The curriculum at AUCP is designed to promote the following:

- Self-confidence and independence: Our goal is a sense of individual worth for each child. A child who has a positive self-image finds it easy to develop good relationships with others.
- Physical and muscular development and coordination: Emphasis is placed on the development of both large and small muscle control.
- Social development: Our classrooms offer places where a child can regularly interact with other children, thereby learning to get along and share in a group situation.
- Practical living: "Practical Life" is the recognition of and reaction to everyday responsibilities (e.g., cleaning up at the end of an activity).
- Cognitive development: Our purpose is to instill in each child the excitement of discovery and the incentive to explore.
- Exposure to nature: An outdoor learning setting allows the child to explore freely, and the world becomes the classroom. Goals of the outdoor program include exploration, imagination, creativity, problem-solving, and community-building.

Special Needs: Yes, we accept children with special needs.

Other Information: For more than 50 years, Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool (AUCP) has educated young children with a play-based curriculum that builds self-confidence and independence. As a pioneer in outdoor education in our area, AUCP fosters creativity and nature exploration with its dedicated outdoor classroom. Serving infants through pre-kindergarteners, AUCP is a half-day cooperative preschool that values parent involvement and fosters community. It is parent-owned and operated, non-sectarian, and requires parents to work along with the teacher in their own child's classroom on a rotating basis. In



addition, parents take responsibility for many administrative and maintenance functions of the school throughout the school year.

## BASIS Independent McLean

Website:

<https://mclean.basisindependent.com/>

Address: 8000 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102

Director: Stephanie Cancienne

Phone Number: (703) 991-6075

Email Address:

[mclean-admissions@basisindependent.com](mailto:mclean-admissions@basisindependent.com)

Age Range of Students: 2 years - Grade 12

School Hours: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Toddler, PreK, K)

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 7 - 8:30 am; 3:30 - 6 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: \$27,750

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Registration: Application Submission Deadline: Saturday, January 20, 2024

**School Philosophy:** BASIS Independent McLean is an age 2 - grade 12 private school. Our Early Learning Program (Age 2–Kindergarten) is designed to maximize the "lightbulb" moments, creating a balance between a child's natural tendencies—to question, explore, and create— and intentional, academic learning. A key goal of the Early Learning Program is to inspire students to delight in learning. Fostering this as early as possible for our students leads to future academic and lifelong success.

**Special Needs:** We have limited resources on campuses for many special needs.

**Other Information:** Our Early Learning students feel empowered when their natural curiosity is encouraged and celebrated, and our expert teachers create opportunities for them to delight in their victories as they reach key milestones. The curriculum fosters early numeracy, literacy, and awareness of the ideas and topics to come in later years, all while building mutual respect between teachers and students, and students and their peers.

**Additional Notes:** Two-teacher model, culture of support.



Age 2–Grade 12 Private School

## Beverley Hills Church Preschool

Website: <https://www.bhcpnet.org/>

Address: 3512 Old Dominion Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22305

Director: Anne Brewster

Phone Number: (703) 549-7441

Email Address: [director@bhcpnet.org](mailto:director@bhcpnet.org)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12:30 - 2 pm

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: Tuition for school year 2023-2024

- 2 days/week (Yellow Class): \$ 4,237.00
- 3 days/week (Red Class): \$ 6,250.00
- 5 days/week (Blue & Green Classes): \$ 9,461.00

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: January 2024

Registration: January 2024

**School Philosophy:** Founded in 1939, Beverley Hills Church Preschool (BHCP) is the oldest parent-cooperative preschool in Virginia, offering an arts-based program. We are a lively community of children, families, and teachers with a strong tradition of parent involvement, collaboration, and child-centered growth and learning.

Our educational philosophy is rooted in the Reggio Emilia Approach to early childhood education. In this approach, teachers work with other staff, the Atelierista, and children to create a culture of inquiry that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Outdoor learning is a fundamental part of our learning experience. With our beautiful natural playground, we provide an ideal space for children to wonder, explore, and discover, aligning with the principles of the Reggio Emilia Approach.

**Special Needs:** Yes

**Other Information:** We embrace diversity, promote inclusion, and offer financial assistance on an annual basis to families with demonstrated financial needs.



## Bright Mind Preschool

Website: <https://www.brightmindpreschool.com/>

Address: 322 North Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Cookie Balcha

Phone Number: (571) 970-4075

Email Address: [info@brightmindpreschool.com](mailto:info@brightmindpreschool.com)

Age Range of Students: 30 months-start of Kindergarten

School Hours: 7 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- \$150 annual registration fee
- \$1690/month preschool
- \$1800/month toddler
- \$1000 annual activity fee

Open House This Year: No

Registration: Rolling

**School Philosophy:** Our mission is to provide a challenging learning environment where all students are accepted and can become creative, innovative future leaders. We believe that teaching a child to accept responsibility for one's own action produces individuals with sound character.

**Special Needs:** Case-by-case basis

**Other Information:** Bright Mind Preschool, located in Old Town Alexandria in Virginia, offers the perfect backdrop for encouraging progress at a child's own pace while introducing developmentally appropriate cognitive and social skills.

**Additional Notes:** Our experienced staff uses the thematic Mother Goose Times curriculum combined with a play-based, learning centers approach for explorations of math, literacy, science, social studies, art, and music.

Our students enjoy daily outdoor and indoor play as well as enrichment activities and field trips.



# Bright Mind Preschool

## Burgundy Farm Country Day School



Website: <https://burgundyfarm.org/>

Address: 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria, VA 22303

Director: Omi Eaddie, Director of Admissions

Phone Number: (703) 329-6968

Email Address: [omie@burgundyfarm.org](mailto:omie@burgundyfarm.org)

Age Range of Students: 4-13; Junior Kindergarten through 8th

School Hours: 8:30 am - 3:15 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: AM Care: 7 - 8 am; PM Care: 3:15 - 6 pm

Co-Op: No

**Tuition Fees:** The following tuition rates are for 2023-2024. Annual tuition covers the cost of textbooks, supplies, and visits to the Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies at Cooper's Cove.

Tuition - Junior Kindergarten \$35,100

Tuition - Kindergarten \$36,492

Tuition - Elementary \$38,170

Tuition - Middle School \$40,157

Financial assistance is available through Clarity Financial.

**Open House This Year:** Yes

**Open House Dates/Times:** Friday, November 10th at 9am; Saturday, January 6th at 10am

**Registration:** Applications are currently being accepted for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications are due January 15, 2024 and decisions are sent March 1, 2024. Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis based on space.

**School Philosophy:** Burgundy Farm believes children learn best in an inclusive, creative, and nurturing environment that engages the whole child. Our play-based early childhood programs promote flexible learning, independence, and open-ended discovery. Our curriculum features farm studies, music, world languages and visual arts on a 26-acre campus perfect for exploration.

**Special Needs:** The school is not staffed to support serious learning disabilities or learning or emotional issues but all applicants are evaluated individually. Contact Admissions with any concerns.

**Other Information:** Burgundy offers tuition assistance through Clarity Financial. Burgundy is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent School and is a member of NAIS and AISGW.

**Additional Notes:** Our school supports include school counselors, a Lower School reading specialist, learning and differentiation specialists for Lower and Middle School and a health coordinator.

## Bush Hill Presbyterian Day School

**Address:** 4916 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

**Director:** Maureen Osler

**Phone Number:** (703) 922-9185

**Email Address:** [bushhilldayschool@gmail.com](mailto:bushhilldayschool@gmail.com)

**Age Range of Students:** 2.5 - 5 years

**School Hours:** 9 am - 12 pm

**Extended Care Available:** Yes

**Hours of Extended Care:** Optional Lunch Bunch held on Tuesdays

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00pm, October – May;

Optional Enrichment Programs for 4-year-old classes, Books & Cooks (4 weeks in November); Fitness Fun (4 weeks in January); and Simply Science (6 weeks in March - April); 1:00pm – 2:00pm.

**Co-Op:** No

**Tuition Fees:**

- 2 mornings/week - \$260/month
- 3 mornings/week - \$320/month
- 5 mornings/week - \$465/month

**Open House This Year:** Yes

**Open House Dates/Times:** Informational Tours of our preschool will be held in January (1/8, 1/17, and 1/23). (Childcare provided.) Please call Director for more information and/or to sign-up for a tour.

**Registration:** February 1, 2024.

**School Philosophy:** Bush Hill Day School (BHDS) is a church-related preschool for children ages 2 through 5 with a “learn through play” approach to education. Our school is a supplement to the home and a place where the young child can feel cared for, protected, and secure. Our purpose is to help children discover the joy of learning and to establish positive foundations on which to build their lives.

To help achieve this goal, BHDS provides a pleasant environment, limited enrollment, experienced teachers, a curriculum tailored to the developing interests and abilities of each child, and a wide range of resources for instruction.

**Special Needs:** We strive to meet the needs of all children and their families at BHDS.

**Other Information:** Classes are offered for 2, 3 and 4-year-old children, and for 4-year-olds who have turned 5 but have not enrolled in Kindergarten. Those 3- and 4-year-olds who have reached the appropriate birthday by September 30 of the current year are eligible to enroll. The cut-off birthday for 2-year-olds is June 30. Two-year-old children may attend two mornings; 2 1/2-year-olds may attend two or three mornings; 3-year-old children may attend two or three mornings; and 4-year-olds may attend three or five mornings per week.

**Additional Information:** Carline offered for easy arrival and dismissal procedures.

Enrichment classes offered through the year for the students of our 4-year-old classes.

Snacks are provided by the school. No separate supply fee. Weekly music class provided for all age groups.

In-house field trips are provided throughout the school year, i.e. Reptiles Alive, Story Tellers, Magicians, etc.

Community building family social events held throughout the year.



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## Clarendon Child Care Center

Website: <https://www.clarendonchildcarecenter.org/>

Address: 1305 North Jackson Street, Arlington, VA 22201

Director: Sandra Redmore

Phone Number: (703) 528-1361

Email Address: [info@clarendonchildcarecenter.org](mailto:info@clarendonchildcarecenter.org)

Age Range of Students: 2.5 - 5 years

School Hours: 7 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: Yes

**Tuition Fees:** Tuition includes snacks, meals, all materials, and special activities. Rates typically increase in January.

- \$446.50 per week for 2s and young 3s classrooms
- \$410.50 per week for older 3s, 4s, and 5s classroom

**Open House This Year:** Yes

**Open House Dates/Times:** Contact CCCC at [info@clarendonchildcarecenter.org](mailto:info@clarendonchildcarecenter.org) or 703-528-1361 to schedule a tour.

**Registration:** Waitlist applications are accepted anytime. Enrollment for eligible families begins January/February prior to the start of the school year in the fall.

**School Philosophy:** Our program provides a creative environment that nurtures the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each child. Highly qualified teachers engage children in developmentally appropriate activities that are directed by the children's interests and needs. Learning is fostered through exploration and play. In our multi-age setting, children learn to become members of a community while developing independence and social skills. Openness goes beyond the physical environment of the classroom and playground – responsive teachers encourage the children to develop social awareness, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

**Special Needs:** Yes, contact the director to discuss it further.

**Other Information:** CCCC is a parent-cooperative school. This structure provides all parents – including those who work full-time outside of the home – opportunities to be involved in CCCC. As a member of our parent cooperative, you have a voice in school decisions and policy making. Moreover, you become part of a support network that includes parents with shared interests and concerns as well as teachers who are educated in child development and parenting skills. CCCC's parent cooperative structure allows you to participate strongly in your child's education. Our scholarship program provides limited financial support to reduce tuition for families who demonstrate need. For more information on scholarship availability, please contact [info@clarendonchildcarecenter.org](mailto:info@clarendonchildcarecenter.org)





## Creative Play School

Website: <http://creativeplayschool.biz>

Address: 100 East Windsor Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

Address: 845 N Howard Street, Alexandria, VA 22304

Director: Kris Solberg (E Windsor) and Sandra Blanco (N Howard)

Phone Number: (703) 836-7090 (E Windsor);  
(703) 751-3388 (N Howard)

Email Address: [ksolberg@creativeplayschool.biz](mailto:ksolberg@creativeplayschool.biz); [sblanco@creativeplayschool.biz](mailto:sblanco@creativeplayschool.biz)

Age Range of Students: 2 years old to 5 years old after school Kindergarten to 5th grade; 16 months to 6 years old (N Howard)

School Hours: 7:30am to 6:00pm and after school hours for school age

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Call for a tour or additional information

Open House This Year: No

Registration: On going, but most openings are over the summer

School Philosophy: Learning through play is our philosophy at Creative Play School. We recognize that even the youngest children observe and respond to the world around them and learn most effectively through play activities. Our philosophy emphasizes the development of the whole child; not only are pre-reading and pre-math skills developed, but also social skills, creative art and physical exercise.

Special Needs: Case by case basis

Other Information: Family owned and operated for over 40 years. NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)

Licensed by the state of Virginia

Virginia Quality rated through University of Virginia

We are a full day, year round school



## Crystal City Children's Center

Website:

<http://www.crystalcitychildrenscenter.org>

Address: 3650 South Glebe Road, Suite 170,  
Arlington, VA 22202

Director: Faye Gravina

Phone Number: (703) 979-2770

Email Address: [faye@crystalcitychildrenscenter.org](mailto:faye@crystalcitychildrenscenter.org)

Age Range of Students: 3 months - 5 years old

School Hours: 7 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: Please email Faye at [faye@crystalcitychildrenscenter.org](mailto:faye@crystalcitychildrenscenter.org)

Open House This Year: No

Registration: Year round

**School Philosophy:** CCCC provides professional childcare and education to young children with a philosophy that emphasizes the importance of learning through play. Moreover, the Center believes that exceptional early learning is a partnership between the family and the Center.



## Del Ray Montessori School

Website: <https://www.thedelraymontessorischool.com/>

Address: 100 East Windsor Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Sarah Fondriest

Phone Number: (703) 380-1241

Email Address: [office@thedelraymontessorischool.com](mailto:office@thedelraymontessorischool.com)

Age Range of Students: 18 months - 12 years

School Hours: 8:05 am - 3:15 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2023-2024 School Year Tuition

Young Children's Community: 18 months - 3 years

- Half Day (12:00 dismissal): \$18,054
- Full Day: \$24,072

Primary Program: 3-6 years

- Full Day: \$19,308

Elementary Program: 6-12 years

- Full Day: \$19,992

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: We offer tours twice a month - typically the last Thursday and Friday in lieu of an Open House.

Registration: Applications for the 2024-2025 school year are due by February 1, 2024

School Philosophy: The mission of The Del Ray Montessori School is to create a carefully prepared learning environment that will nurture the spirit of the child, guiding each child along a path toward reaching his or her full potential for learning.

Special Needs: We try to accommodate the needs of all children.

Other Information: A non-profit Montessori School located in the quaint Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, Virginia, we are associated and recognized by AMI/USA (Association Montessori International). Founded in 2011, we serve children ages 18 months through age 12 and their families in the DC metropolitan area.

Additional Information: At The Del Ray Montessori School (DRMS), our focus everyday is to provide an educational foundation that instills respect, curiosity, and perseverance for every child, creating a love for learning and establishing a foundation for success in preparation for life's adventures.



## Discovery Time Learning Academy

Website: [www.DiscoveryTimeLearning.com](http://www.DiscoveryTimeLearning.com)

Address: 420 Hume Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Stephanie Harris

Phone Number: (703) 930-9043

Email Address: [DiscoveryTimeLearningCenter@gmail.com](mailto:DiscoveryTimeLearningCenter@gmail.com)

Age Range of Students: 6 Weeks- 5 Years Old

School Hours: 7:30AM-5:30PM

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Full-Time Program

Infants and Toddlers: \$2037 per Month

Two Year Olds: \$1745 per Month

PreK: \$1605 per Month

Please call for part-time rates!

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Schedule a Tour by visiting our website!

Registration: Year-Round, Rolling Admissions

School Philosophy: Discovery Time serves infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at our locations in Del Ray. We are a play-based program with a nationally recognized curriculum that believes learning should be fun!

We offer full-time care as well as part-time care for our families and have back-up care available!

Special Needs: Please call to discuss

Other Information: Ask us about our full-day flexible care options including MWF (3 Day Care) and TR (2 Day Care) as well as back-up care for community families. Please visit our website to learn more!



## Emmanuel Preschool

Website: <http://www.emmanuelonhigh.org/preschool/>

Address: 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Nicole Crochet

Phone Number: (703) 683-0303

Email Address: [director@epsonhigh.org](mailto:director@epsonhigh.org)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12:30 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: We offer Before Care from 8:10-9 am and After Care from 12:30 - 2 pm for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds in our program. There are additional fees for these programs.

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2023-24 Fees:

2-Day Program for 2s: \$3,915

3-Day Program for 3s: \$5,375

5-Day Program for 4/5s: \$7,150

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: We offer tours instead of an open house. We like to give tours when the students are at school so parents get an accurate glimpse into a typical day at our school. To schedule a tour, please contact the director at [director@epsonhigh.org](mailto:director@epsonhigh.org).

Registration: This is still to be determined. It usually is in February. We abide by the dates set by the Alexandria Half Day Preschool Directors group so parents all find out and are asked to accept spots on the same dates. We will update our website when the director's decide on this date.

School Philosophy: Emmanuel Preschool offers a play-based, developmentally appropriate, and enriching education for preschool-aged children. We value the spirit of each individual child and provide a safe, nurturing, and loving environment where children learn through play, explore their environment, take risks, and become inspired life-long thinkers and learners. We strive 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.

Special Needs: Parents of children with developmental delays or special needs are encouraged to contact the director to discuss whether our school is able to provide the needed support to ensure the best preschool experience for their child.

Other Information: The students in our 2s and 3s classes are divided by birthdate. All children enjoy weekly music and movement class, and we incorporate yoga into our program. Students eat lunch brought from home at school. All parents receive an email from their child's teacher every day they attend, and the whole community receives a bi-weekly newsletter from the office. We have a wonderful, supportive, and involved parent community. It is a nut-free school to protect our students with allergies. All teachers are CPR/First Aid trained and attend continuing education workshops and seminars. Speech and OT screenings are available to families who want to pay a small fee directly to the specialist.

Additional Notes: Emmanuel Preschool is Religious Exempt and in compliance with all VA Department of Education guidelines required for child daycare centers and preschools.



## Fairlington Preschool

Website: <https://fairlingtonumc.org/preschool>

Address: 3900 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Katelyn Shirilla

Phone Number: (703) 671-3939

Email Address: [director@fairlingtonpreschool.org](mailto:director@fairlingtonpreschool.org)

Age Range of Students: 2- 6 years old

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Ranges from \$535/month - \$963/month

Open House This Year: Yes

Registration: Open Registration, acceptances will be sent in March

**School Philosophy:** Our goal is to create a learning environment that is accessible for all students. We do this using High Scope curriculum and are a play-based preschool. We want to inspire a lifetime love of learning through developmentally appropriate practices.

**Special Needs:** Yes, we are an inclusion preschool.

**Other Information:** We are an inclusion preschool. We have children with special needs in all of our classrooms and we are intentional about making sure that we have inclusion classrooms. Our teachers receive special training on different disabilities, learning styles, etc.



## Faith Lutheran Preschool

Website: <https://flcva.org/preschool/>

Address: 3313 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201

Director: Carrie Field

Phone Number: (703) 525-1375

Email Address: [preschool@flcva.org](mailto:preschool@flcva.org)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 1 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 1:00pm-2:45pm currently but may extend for the 2024-2025 school year.

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- 2 day-2 year olds: \$280/month
- 3 day-3 year olds: \$415/month
- 4 day - 3 year olds: \$495/month
- 4 day - 4/5 year olds: \$495/month
- 5 day - 4/5 year olds: \$650/month

\*These are tuition fees for 2023-2024

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: December 12th at 10 am; January 9th at 10am

Registration: Applications due by January 31st

School Philosophy: Reggio Emilia Inspired

Special Needs: Yes, depending on the level of need.

Other Information: FLP also provides music, art and STEM classes as apart of the curriculum.



## First Baptist Church of Clarendon Child Development Center (FBCC CDC)

Website: <https://cdcarlington.org/>

Address: 1306 North Highland Street, Arlington, VA 22201

Director: (interim) Bonnie Czekanski

Phone Number: (703) 522-6477

Email Address: [bonnie@cdcarlington.org](mailto:bonnie@cdcarlington.org)

**Age Range of Students:** 12 weeks through and including Kindergarten as well as Day and Summer Camp opportunities for rising K-5th Grade children

**School Hours:** The FBCC CDC is open all year from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, with the exception of federal holidays.

**Extended Care Available:** No

**Hours of Extended Care:** The FBCC CDC offers Day and Summer Camp for children in Kindergarten through Grade 4 most days Arlington Public Schools are closed.

**Co-Op:** No

**Tuition Fees:** Monthly tuition covers the costs associated with the care and early learning provided in the FBCC CDC's full-day, year-round programming. Lunch and snacks, prepared in-house are included. The FBCC CDC offers alternative food items to accommodate food allergies, sensitivities, restrictions and preferences. The FBCC CDC is a 'nut-free' facility. Other fees including registration, deposit and annual fees, which vary by the department in which the child is enrolled are charged.

Current monthly tuition ~

- Infants and Toddlers ~ \$2,254.00
- Young Preschoolers ~ \$1,907.00
- Middle Preschoolers ~ \$1,772.00
- Pre-Kindergarten ~ \$1,772.00
- Junior Kindergarten ~ \$1,772.00

**Open House This Year:** Yes

**Open House Dates/Times:** In-person and virtual tours can be scheduled at your convenience. Contact Bonnie at 703-522-6477 or [bonnie@cdcarlington.org](mailto:bonnie@cdcarlington.org)

**Registration:** On-going!

**School Philosophy:** At the FBCC CDC, we believe young children learn best when they have an opportunity to practice their intellectual, physical and social skills every day through activities of their own choosing during long periods of uninterrupted time in an environment carefully planned and prepared by qualified, experienced as well as highly and continually trained early childhood professionals.

Learning through play, often referred to as a child's work, is a term used in education and psychology to describe how a child can learn to make sense of the world around them. Through play, which is their work, children can develop social skills, mature emotionally, engage in, practice and master physical as well as cognitive skills and concepts while gaining the self-confidence required to engage in new experiences and environments.

The FBCC CDC is dedicated to the task of laying a foundation of social and emotional resilience and well-being that will contribute to a child's lifetime love of learning, academic achievement and success in life contributing to society in which we love mercy, know and do justice and walk humbly with our God is not a possibility, but a reality.

**Special Needs:** The FBCC CDC welcomes the opportunity to create inclusive care and early learning settings as circumstances permit including welcoming educators/specialists with expertise to provide services while the child is in attendance at the FBCC CDC.



**Other Information:** While the FBCC CDC is not a parent co-operative it is committed to establishing, maintaining and sustaining strong parent partnerships and welcomes parental engagement and involvement.

Children enrolled enjoyed selected Enrichment Programs including Spanish language learning and Science Wonders as well as Extra-Curricular opportunities in gymnastics with Power Tots and dance/ballet with the Virginia Dance Conservatory.

The natural world provides us with everything we need to survive and thrive: food, water, medicine, and materials for shelter. The FBCC CDC is committed to the continued development of its Environmental Education Programming. The vision of FBCC CDC's Environmental Education programming is, to, through supporting all aspects of growth and development, lay a strong foundation for children to become happy, healthy, resilient, kind, critical thinkers, who will, as adults, contribute well to the natural world around them both locally and globally as we know the children in our care are the next generation of environmental stewards.

**Additional Notes:** The FBCC CDC opened its doors to warmly welcome children to their 'home away from home' in September of 1969 as a non-profit ministry and mission of the then First Baptist Church of Clarendon.

## FBCA Weekday Childhood Ministry

Website: <https://www.fbca-wcm.org/>

Address: 2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22303

Director: Teri Stewart and Eileen Lane

Phone Number: (703) 684-3733

Email Address: [teri@fbcaalexandria.org](mailto:teri@fbcaalexandria.org) and [eileen@fbcaalexandria.org](mailto:eileen@fbcaalexandria.org)

Age Range of Students: 1 to 6 years

School Hours: 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 9 - 10 am; 2 - 3 pm; 2 - 3:30 pm; 2 - 4 pm.

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: Tuition ranges from \$430 to \$565 for ten payments and depends on the age and number of days the child attends.

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: Individual tours are offered by appointment to parents instead of an open house. Please contact Teri Stewart at [teri@fbcaalexandria.org](mailto:teri@fbcaalexandria.org).

Registration: Initial enrollment for 2024-25 begins in February 2024. WCM offers continuous enrollment as spaces become available.

School Philosophy: Lessons and activities are planned around children's individual differences and learning styles. Children have the freedom within a structured framework to explore and learn through play and interactions with teachers and peers. Teachers provide appropriate activities in large groups, small groups, and learning centers that relate to a specific unit of study. These activities provide hands-on opportunities that allow each child to develop mentally, physically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally at his or her own pace. Children are also provided with opportunities to learn concepts related to God, Jesus, the Bible, church, family, nature, self, and others and to participate in age-appropriate experiences.

Special Needs: Yes

Other Information: WCM offers a variety of STEAM classes including Science, Music, and Art once a week. In addition, Three's and Pre-K attend chapel once a week. WCM uses the Investigator Club Curriculum that is approved by VDOE. Soccer is offered as an after-school activity.



## Fort Hunt Preschool

Website: [www.forthuntpreschool.com](http://www.forthuntpreschool.com)

Address: 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA 22307

Director: Jen Cavaliere

Phone Number: (703)768-7584

Email Address:

Age Range of Students: 2- 5 years old

School Hours: 9:15 am- 12:00 pm (2's class is from  
9:15am-11:45 am)

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12:00-1:00 pm

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: Our Tuition Rates for 2023-2024 are:

- 2s: \$300/month (2 days a week, Tues/Thurs)
- 3s: \$395/month (3 days a week, Mon/Wed/Fri)
- 4s: \$605/month (5 days a week, Mon-Fri)

We will announce 2024-2025 tuition on our website and social media in November!

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Saturday, January 13th, 10:00am-12:00pm

Registration: Begins January 13th

**School Philosophy:** Fort Hunt Preschool is a community of families who believe that children learn best in a safe, nurturing environment, supported by a cooperative partnership of parents and teachers. Through personal experience, discovery, and play, we cultivate children's natural curiosity and foster respect for self, others, and the natural world.

Special Needs: Yes.

**Other Information:** At Fort Hunt Preschool, parents assist in the classroom on a rotating basis and hold special school-related jobs. Your participation puts you and your child at ease, allows you to share your child's experience first-hand, and shows your child how much you value education. Fort Hunt Preschool is licensed and accredited and we intentionally maintain low student-to-teacher ratios.

**Additional Information:** Visit our website for pictures of our classrooms and more detail about our nature-based, play-based teaching methods, or tour our spaces by contacting our admissions team!



## Full Circle Montessori

Website: <https://www.fullcirclemontessori.com/>

Address: 870 S Greenbrier St, Suite 102, Arlington, VA, 22204

Director: Christie Yang

Phone Number: (703) 684-3733

Email Address: [cyang@fullcirclemontessori.com](mailto:cyang@fullcirclemontessori.com)

Age Range of Students: 15 months - 12 years

School Hours:

Toddler: M - F 8:15 - 12:30 OR M-TH 8:15 - 3:15, F 8:15 - 12:30.

Primary: M - F 8:30 - 12:30 OR M - TH 8:30 - 3:30, F 8:30 - 12:30.

Elementary: M - TH 8:20 - 3:45, F 8:20 - 1:30

Optional Afterschool Clubs M - TH 3:45 - 5 PM

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Elementary level only: M-TH 3:45 PM-5:00 PM

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Toddler Morning \$15000

Toddler Full Day \$22500

Primary Morning \$15420

Primary Full Day \$18540

Elementary \$15000

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: W - F at 9:30 AM and by appointment

Registration: February 15

School Philosophy: Authentic Montessori school instilling a love of learning and community for the children and adults with an emphasis on forging a strong parent - school partnership.

Special Needs: Yes

Other Information: Outside of school enrollment, families can register for fun and helpful parent + child classes Monday through Thursday 3:45 - 4:30 PM for parents and 15 months - 3 years of age:

Art + Music Mondays

Movement Tuesdays

Cooking Class Wednesdays

Montessori at Home Thursdays

And for infants through 3.5 years of age, an indoor play space intentionally designed for young children, in our Open Play in the Full Circle Nest.

<https://www.fullcirclemontessori.com/> or follow us on instagram at

<https://instagram.com/fullcirclemontessorischool?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

Additional Notes: Full Circle Montessori School is in its 18th year serving children and families! In addition to an emphasis on parent partnership, we engage children and families in philanthropic activities throughout the year.



## Grace Episcopal School

Website: <https://graceschoolalex.org/>

Address: 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305

Director: Patti Culbreth, Head of School; Mary Kate Holland, Early Childhood Director; Julia Byrnes, Director of Admissions

Phone Number: (703) 549-5067

Email Address: [admissions@graceschoolalex.org](mailto:admissions@graceschoolalex.org)

Age Range of Students: 3 - 11 years (Preschool through Grade Five)

School Hours: 8:30 am - 12 pm (Preschool & Jr. Kindergarten); 8:30 am - 3:15 pm (Kindergarten-Grade Five)

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Morning care - 7:30 - 8:30 am; Aftercare - 12 - 6 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- Preschool & Jr. Kindergarten: \$12,250
- Kindergarten - Grade 5: \$24,500

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Please email [admissions@graceschoolalex.org](mailto:admissions@graceschoolalex.org) for more information.

Registration: Applications due on January 31, 2024

**School Philosophy:** At Grace Episcopal School, we believe children learn best through play! We fully embrace the joy and curiosity that radiate within our preschool and jr. kindergarten classrooms and encourage young minds to develop at their own pace. Our early childhood program features child-centered, hands-on activities in a warm, nurturing environment. Students learn about the world around them through stories, songs, rhyming activities, arts and crafts, number games, dramatic play, and peer relationships. There is a tremendous focus on social-emotional development. We strive to help our students learn about and regulate their emotions, with the ultimate goal of establishing positive self-esteem. Preschool and jr. kindergarten students enjoy two recesses each morning to play and explore outside on Grace's two playgrounds, where they can run, climb, jump, swing, play in the sand, and enjoy the outdoors.

**Special Needs:** No.

**Other Information:** The preschool and jr. kindergarten classes meet five days a week. Age requirements: students must be 3 years old by September 1 to apply for preschool and 4 years old by September 1 to apply for jr. kindergarten.

**Additional Notes:** Grace students wear uniforms.



Grace  
Episcopal  
School

## Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

Website: <http://www.ilsalexandria.org/>

Address: 109 Bellaire Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Whitney Work

Phone Number: (703) 549-0155

Email Address: [whitney.work@immanuelalexandria.org](mailto:whitney.work@immanuelalexandria.org)

Age Range of Students: 4 years (Jr. Kindergarten) through 8th grade

School Hours: 8:20 am - 1 pm (Jr. Kindergarten program)

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 7:00am-8:05am (before day care)

1:00pm- 6:00pm (extended day care)

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2023-2024 TUITION RATES

Jr. Kindergarten: \$8,300

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Friday, November 17, 2023 - 9:00am

Friday, January 12, 2024 - 9:00am

Registration: Admissions Application Deadline: January 19, 2023

**School Philosophy:** Wisdom, eloquence and virtue – these are the aims of a classical education. The patriarchs of western civilization understood that education was more than the acquisition of basic skills and mere competency. The purpose of education was to transform, to elevate, and to refine the mind and the soul. This was the standard, not the exception. At the center of classical education is an emphasis on the Good, the True, and the Beautiful. Because these universal values serve as the building blocks of classical learning, the classical arts are timeless and proven, and have been known to produce many eloquent confessors and wise leaders. Our communities today are in dire need of just these sorts of men and women. In an endless pursuit of the latest educational dogma, many schools no longer have the capacity to judge what is Good, True and Beautiful, much less teach it. In forsaking the soul for the mind, they have forgotten how to educate both. Classical Education is a holistic approach to education, and a return to excellence in teaching, curriculum and expectations.

**Special Needs:** N/A

**Other Information:** All of us at ILS have a wonderful opportunity to help cultivate the wonder and curiosity within your children's minds and hearts – this is an especially joyful endeavor in Jr. Kindergarten!

Your child will learn new skills that will foster independence, increase their small motor and large motor skills, and develop stronger social skills.

Your child's days will be filled with embodied learning; jingles and chants in history and science, sign language in Theology and literacy, movement and music!

Students entering Jr. Kindergarten must be 4 years old on or before September 1st of the year in which they are enrolling. Our Jr. Kindergarten class is typically comprised of older 4 and 5 year-olds.

Jr. Kindergarten at Immanuel is a 5-day-a-week program. Our school day begins at 8:20 a.m. and finishes at 1 p.m.

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## Meeting House Cooperative Preschool

Website: [www.meetinghousepreschool.org](http://www.meetinghousepreschool.org)

Address: (site address) 318 South Royal Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; (mailing address) 323 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Tania Ryan

Phone Number: (703) 549-8037

Email Address: [ahazard@meetinghousepreschool.org](mailto:ahazard@meetinghousepreschool.org)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12 - 1:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Extended Day is offered to Pre-Kindergarten students only

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 2 Day 2s- \$3,375
- 3 Day 2s- \$5,040
- 2 Day 3s- \$3,375
- 3 Day 3s- \$5,040
- 5 Day 3/4s- \$6,210
- Pre-Kindergarten- \$6,795
- Extended Day 2 days a week- \$1,520
- Extended Day 4 days a week- \$3,040

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: MHCP is offering individual tours and interviews with our director, Tania Ryan. Please call or email the office to schedule a tour.

Registration: Applications are due February 2, 2024

School Philosophy: 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. It is through adult guidance that the children develop independence and responsibility for their learning.

Special Needs: Yes, MHCP can accommodate children with mild special needs. MHCP is an inclusive program for children with mild learning disabilities.

Other Information: MHCP offers music and movement classes weekly, yoga classes weekly, Science Seed classes weekly, special assemblies monthly, occupational therapy screening, speech and language screening, vision screening.

Additional Notes: All staff are First Aid and CPR certified



## Montessori School of Alexandria

Website: <http://montessorischoolofalexandria.com/>

Address: 6300 Florence Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310

Director: Cathy Kalkus

Phone Number: (703) 960-3498

Email Address: [cindylanham@montessorischoolofalexandria.com](mailto:cindylanham@montessorischoolofalexandria.com)

Age Range of Students: 3 years through 6th grade

School Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 7:30 - 8:30 am; 3:30-6:00 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- Preschool 3 - 5+ years (8:30 am-12 pm): \$14,400
- Kindergarten 5+ - 6 years (8:30 am - 3:30 pm): \$15,400
- Elementary Class (8:30 am - 3:30 pm)
  - 6 - 9 years (1st - 3rd grade): \$16,200
  - 9 - 12 years (4th - 6th grade): \$16,200

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Monday- Thursday by appointment at 10 am.

Registration: Now through January

**School Philosophy:** The Montessori School of Alexandria offers child-centered learning based on the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, a pioneer in educational methods and child psychology. Our classrooms have been specifically designed to encourage students to follow their own curiosity assisted by Montessori-certified teachers that guide and facilitate each child's learning experience.

**Special Needs:** Case by case basis.

**Other Information:** We offer summer camp for our students





## Mount Olivet Preschool

Website: <https://mountolivetumc.com/weekdaypreschool>

Address: 1500 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207

Director: Alexis Joyce

Phone Number: (703) 527-5508

Email Address: [preschool@mtolivet-umc.org](mailto:preschool@mtolivet-umc.org)

Age Range of Students: 18 months to 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Projected Tuition for 2024-25 School Year

Core hours 9 am-1 pm

- 2 days (toddlers and 2s) \$4,480
- 3 days (toddlers, 2s) \$6,100
- 5 days (2s) \$9,300
- 3 days (3s) \$6,100
- 5 days (3s) \$7,475
- 3 days (4s) \$6,100
- 5 days (5s) 7,500

9 am -2 pm

5 days (Jr. Kindergarten) \$9,500

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Tuesday, December 7, 2023 at 7pm

Registration: December 14, 2023

**School Philosophy:** Mount Olivet Weekday Preschool is a play-based program that offers children a progression of knowledge and skills at an age-appropriate level in the following areas:

- Physical well-being and fine and gross motor development.
- Social and emotional development through Individual and group social situations.
- Art and music appreciation through exposure and a creative process approach.
- Cognitive development through activities that foster the growth of children's thinking abilities.
- Language development through supporting and modeling effective communication, both talking and listening, and through the teaching of age-appropriate literacy skills in reading and writing.
- Spiritual development through creating an atmosphere of love and acceptance of each child as a unique individual created by God.

**Special Needs:** We work with families to the best of our ability to be inclusive for all children.

**Other Information:** Other Learning Opportunities for All Ages:

- Gardening
- Art Studio
- Music Classes
- Science Classes (4s and Jr. K)



## Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Preschool

Website: <https://www.mvpconline.org/Preschool>

Address: 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

Director: Tara Macbeth

Phone Number: (703) 765-7867

Email Address: [mvpcpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:mvpcpreschool@gmail.com)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

**Hours of Extended Care:** Our Extended Care program begins before school at 8 am and continues through the afternoon until 4 pm. Sign-up is flexible: families can choose to sign up for just the days and hours that they will need. The cost for EC is \$11 per hour.

**Co-Op:** No

**Tuition Fees:** 2023-2024 Monthly Tuition (9 monthly payments)

- 2-Day Class: \$265
- 3-Day Class: \$345
- 5-Day, 3s Class: \$510
- 5-Day PreK Class: \$510
- 5-Day JK Class: \$595

Please contact us for our 2024-2025 Tuition Rates

**Open House This Year:** No

**Open House Dates/Times:** We look forward to showing you and your family our preschool and telling you more about our program in person! We offer private tours by appointment year-round. Please call or email us to set up an appointment for your family's visit.

**Registration:** Registration opens on January 18, 2024.

**School Goals or Philosophy:** At MVPC Preschool, we follow a developmentally appropriate, theme-based curriculum, where concepts and ideas are integrated throughout our daily activities and play. Our caring teachers strive to foster the social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual growth of each child. As active participants in their own learning, our students enjoy engaging and creative activities in a positive learning environment.

**Special Needs:** We strive to meet the needs of all children, and we encourage families to contact us to discuss if our school can accommodate their child's needs.

**Other Information:** Our curriculum is enhanced with weekly classes in music and library taught by our own specialist teachers. We are proud to have our own preschool library full of the best children's literature.

Our spacious shady playground has a wonderful assortment of playground equipment and toys suited to furthering the development of our students' gross motor skills, social interaction, and for cooperative play. In addition to being a fabulous place for outdoor play, our well-equipped playground space enables our teachers to implement hands-on lessons in science, art, and so much more!



## OWLS Therapy

Website: <https://www.owlstherapy.com/>

Address: We come to you!

Director: Janene Besch

Phone Number: (703) 470-6957

Email Address: [info@owlstherapy.com](mailto:info@owlstherapy.com)

Age Range of Students: 18 months and up

School Hours: 8:00 am- 6:00 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Therapy session price varies depending on length of session and travel time.

Open House This Year: No

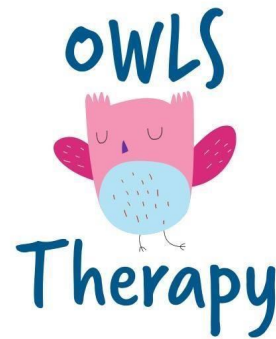
Registration: Ongoing

**School Philosophy:** We believe that by working together as a team, your child can reach their full potential. While it takes a village to raise a child, we believe it takes a strong rapport between the child, the parent, and the clinician to reach success in therapy. We believe that knowledge is power and that together we can succeed.

**Special Needs:** Yes

**Other Information:** OWLS Therapy is a speech, language, and dyslexia therapy practice serving children in Northern Virginia. We are dedicated to helping your child's speech and communication skills develop and grow as we believe they are essential to their academic and social success. We offer comprehensive evaluations and devise individual therapy plans that best match your child's personal needs. We also offer all therapy in-home, provide parent and teacher training, offer classroom observations, and help with navigating school-based services.

**Additional Information:** Our therapists are trained in PROMPT, LAMP, and the Lindamood Bell programs for dyslexia.



## Potomac Crescent Waldorf School

Website: <http://www.potomacwaldorf.org>

Address: 424 N Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Kensei H. Phillips, Director of Administration & Admissions

Phone Number: (703) 486-1309

Email Address: [admissions@potomacwaldorf.org](mailto:admissions@potomacwaldorf.org)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 10 years

School Hours: 7:30 am- 3:00 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

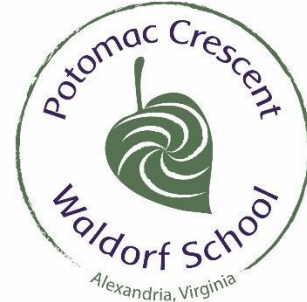
Hours of Extended Care: 3:00 pm-5:30 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Please visit the "Tuition" page under the "Admissions" tab at [www.potomacwaldorf.org](http://www.potomacwaldorf.org)

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: School Tours are held on the following Wednesdays from 9:00-9:45 a.m.: November 15, November 29, December 13, January 10



Open Houses:

Saturday, November 4 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 20 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Registration:** Registration opens in December. The new student application deadline is January 25.

However, additional applications will be considered based on program space available.

**School Philosophy:** At PCWS, we believe in the preservation of childhood, the importance of imaginative play and time in nature, the integration of arts and academics, and the development of human beings who will make a difference in the world.

Our vision is to develop thoughtful, fulfilled citizens who have the capacity to think imaginatively, communicate effectively, and relate compassionately. We believe in the Waldorf curriculum for educating the whole human being: head, heart, and hands, which nurture well-rounded individuals who will be successful in school and beyond.

**Special Needs:** PCWS is not equipped to support students with severe learning or behavioral challenges.

**Other Information:** PCWS offers Parent-Child classes for infants and toddlers each fall, winter and spring. 2024-2025 programs include Pre-Kindergarten, Mixed Age Kindergarten, and Grades 1-5.

## Pozez JCC-Beth El Early Childhood Learning Center

Website: <https://www.bethelhebrew.org/learning/preschool>

Address: JCCNV- BETH EL, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

Director: Dina Backer

Phone Number: (703) 573-0137

Email Address: [dina.backer@thei.org](mailto:dina.backer@thei.org)

Age Range of Students: 16 months - 5 years

School Hours: M-F, 8 am - 5:30 pm; Year round

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2023-2024:

- Members \$1925/month
- Non Members \$2125/month

**Open House Dates/ Times:** We encourage all families to call and schedule a personal tour of our program.

**Registration:** Registration begins after the 1st of the year

**School Philosophy:** Our philosophy is based upon the belief that we have the ability and responsibility to nurture each child's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth through interactions and experiences that foster a zest for life and a love of learning. We offer a child-centered program which is inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach

**Special Needs:** We handle special needs on a case by case basis

**Other Information:** Our curriculum incorporates Jewish values while being universally inclusive. We believe that every child is capable, competent, and has the right to be respected as an individual.

**Additional Notes:** We believe that "care" and "education" are inseparable and view each child as a feeling, thinking, and creative individual whose growth we nourish. We believe a child's positive self-esteem is paramount to emotional, social, physical, and intellectual development. The daily environment we create for our children must provide them with all the components necessary for positive growth and development. We are committed to supporting the parents/guardians of our children by providing a variety of quality services and developing positive relationships between home and school.



## Sleepy Hollow Preschool

Website: [www.sleepyhollowpreschool.com](http://www.sleepyhollowpreschool.com)

Address: 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Director: Ashley Gormley

Phone Number: (703) 941-9791

Email Address: [info@sleepyhollowpreschool.org](mailto:info@sleepyhollowpreschool.org)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9:10 am - 12:00 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12 pm - 1:00 or 2:00 pm.

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 2-year-old program: \$2,700 annual tuition
  - 3-year-old program: \$3,670 annual tuition
  - 4/5-year-old program: \$4,340 annual tuition
- Financial Aid is available.

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Wednesday, January 14, 9 :30-11:30 am (In-person Open House; snow make up 1/31) ; Thursday, January 25, 7:00 pm (Virtual Open House)

Registration: Applications for the 2024-25 accepted starting in January 2024. Registration in August, and ongoing depending on availability.

School Philosophy: Sleepy Hollow Preschool is a Learning Through Play, inclusive, half day, private, non profit 501(C)(3), mixed-age, parent cooperative early childhood program serving children ages 2 to 5 years, and committed to offering the highest quality experience for every child and their family. In continuous operation in the Annandale area since 1949, SHPS has always been committed to protecting children's right and need to learn and grow through play!

Children spend more than half of every day outside in all weather, playing on our natural playground or exploring the expansive grounds of the property. We develop curriculum that is emergent and prompts hands-on exploration, asking questions and figuring out the answers through trial-and-error learning, risk-taking, and self-appraising. We incorporate open-ended questions, prompts for success, support in building social connections and solving problems, as well as respecting child initiated learning where children choose the activity they want to play, where they play, with whom they play, and how long they play in a particular activity.

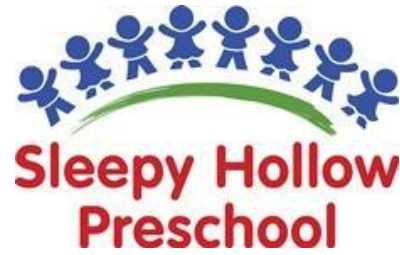
SHPS children are highly successful in transitioning to kindergarten and life beyond. They leave SHPS with a positive attitude about themselves as competent in their world and are eager to explore and learn. They are able to sit in a seat, listen, follow directions, wait, take a turn, solve a problem, make amends, recover from disappointment, work independently, ask for help, make a friend, be a friend, try new things, and take risks!

Parents in our co-op program get to be part of their child's school experience, observing master teachers, seeing other children and parents, and enhancing their parenting skills. We welcome you to come and see us learning through play Sleepy Hollow Preschool!

Special Needs: Sleepy Hollow Preschool is an inclusive program.

Other Information: To request a tour, please email [info@sleepyhollowpreschool.org](mailto:info@sleepyhollowpreschool.org) or call (703) 941-9791.

Visit [sleepyhollowpreschool.org](http://sleepyhollowpreschool.org) for a video of our program in action, a virtual tour, and much more!



## St. Anthony of Padua School

Website: <https://www.saintanthonyschoolva.org/>

Address: 3301 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041

Director: Fiona Lewsley

Phone Number: (703) 820-7450

Email Address: [office@stanthonyschoolva.org](mailto:office@stanthonyschoolva.org)

Age Range of Students: 2.5 - 5 years

School Hours: 7:45 am - 3:20 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- School Day (7:45-3:20) \$9,265 (school year)
- School Day (7:45-12:00) \$5,000 (school year)
- Extended Day (3:30-5:30) \$3,800 (Unlimited use)
- Discounts given for additional students.
- No catholic discounts for preschool

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: November 17 and December 8, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration: Registration opens to new families November 17, 2023

School Philosophy: St. Anthony of Padua School fosters a love of Jesus and His Gospel, forming lifelong disciples in service to the Church and society while empowering its students to achieve academic excellence in a culturally diverse environment.

Special Needs: Yes

Other Information:

- Play-based learning.
- 2 ½-year-old through Junior Kindergarten program.
- Preschool-specific playground.
- Enrichment programs are offered by preferred providers.



## St. Luke's Day School

Website: [www.stlukesdayschool.com](http://www.stlukesdayschool.com)

Address: 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Director: Gennifer Difilippo

Phone Number: (703) 765-6699

Email Address: [admin@stlukesdayschoolva.org](mailto:admin@stlukesdayschoolva.org)

Age Range of Students: 2.5 – 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Extended care offered until 4 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Mornings only 9am-12pm

2 days - \$260/month

3 days - \$350/month

5 days - \$550/month

5 days Kindergarten 9am-2pm - \$795/month

5 day AM + 2 day Extended Care \$825/month

5 day AM + 3 day Extended Care \$995/month

5 day AM + 5 day Extended Care \$1150/month

Open House This Year: No

Registration: Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 8am

School Philosophy: St. Luke's Day School is dedicated to a philosophy of providing a loving and nurturing environment under the guidance of a qualified staff that understands the developmental needs of the pre-school child. By affording a positive atmosphere, an enriching curriculum, the appropriate physical facilities and the proper resources, a child shall have the very best opportunity to grow while developing a sense of self.

Special Needs: Special needs children are accepted on a case by case basis as long as we are confident we can appropriately meet the child's needs.





## St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool

Website: <https://www.stpaulsalexandria.com/preschool/>

Address: 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Kristin Teeters

Phone Number: (703) 548-6089

Email Address: [headofschool@stpaulsalexandria.com](mailto:headofschool@stpaulsalexandria.com)

Age Range of Students: 18 months - 5 years old

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Early Care is available daily from 8 – 9

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2023-24 Yearly Tuition

- Tods & 2s: \$8890
- 3s & 4s: \$9620

Open House This Year: No

Registration: Applications for 24-25 open October 1st

**School Philosophy:** St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool, a Christian school in the Episcopal tradition, provides a nurturing and safe environment for children 18 months - 5 years old that encourages curiosity, exploration, compassion, and a love of learning through play. Each child is known, loved and belongs as they develop to their fullest potential—spiritually, intellectually, and socially. Children develop a love of God, a sense of self-worth, and a respect for others.

**Special Needs:** No

**Other Information:** Optional Lunch Bunch is typically offered, based on family interest

**Additional Notes:** Visit our website: <https://www.stpaulsalexandria.com/preschool/>

- Bus available for transportation
- Weekly field trips
- Financial aid available



## Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool

Website: [www.tauxemont.org](http://www.tauxemont.org)

Address: 7719 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Director: Barbara Bradley

Phone Number: (703) 765-9266

Email Address: [membership@tauxemont.org](mailto:membership@tauxemont.org)

Age Range of Students: 2.5 – 6 years

School Hours: Morning class: 9 am - 12 pm; Afternoon class: 1 - 4 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: (Monthly)

- 2 days a week, 3-year-olds: \$285/month (\$2,565 annually)
- 3 days a week, 3-year-olds: \$345/month (\$3,105)
- 4 days a week, 3s/4-year-olds: \$435/month (\$3,915)
- 4 days a week, 4-year-olds: \$435/month (\$3,915)
- 5 days a week, 5-year-olds: \$550/month (\$4,950)

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Sunday, January 7, 2024, 1 - 3 pm

Registration: Registration opens on Monday, January 8, 2024

**School Philosophy:** Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool provides a play-based curriculum in a nature-focused environment. Our curriculum is a blend of different philosophies – Montessori, Reggio, and HighScope. Lessons follow the seasons. In the Fall, children learn about the weather changing and about the leaves turning colors and falling from trees. In the Winter, lessons center on ice, snow, and hibernation. In the Spring, children learn about flowers, grow plants, see butterflies emerge from cocoons, and watch chicks hatch from eggs. Lessons are reiterated through different means (story, art projects) and revisited to help concepts sink in. There is also a focus on open play. This includes opportunities for the children to choose what they would like to do and explore.

We believe preschool should allow children to:

- Discover that school is a happy place, that learning is fun and rewarding, and that teachers are understanding and stimulating human beings.
- Learn how to work and play successfully with other children.
- Learn to develop their own skills, talents, and interests, and to expand each of these to the fullest extent.
- Develop a sense of personal worth and an understanding of the needs and rights of others.
- Develop a sense of excitement and interest in the world in which we live and an eagerness to learn more.

How we foster child development:

- Provide a wide variety of activities geared to the proper age and skill level of the children.
- Emphasize personal standards and pride of achievement and encourage the child to recognize that the process is as important as the product.
- Encourage arts in addition to crafts, and dramatic and creative play in addition to organized games and activities.
- Consider individual needs and different rates of development in children along with the aims of group activity and socialization.



- Recognize that the most desirable discipline is self-discipline, and that encouragement and consistent standards are more effective than punishment in the development of self-discipline.
- Offer a developmentally appropriate program with little use of formal devices, drills, and competitive learning.

**Special Needs:** Tauxemont does not discriminate in its enrollment; however, there are no specific services offered at our school for children with special needs.

**Other Information:** Our classes are specifically arranged in half-years and structured so children may become familiar with new children each year. Age determinations are based on Sept 30th of the new school year.

- 2 Day (Tuesday, Thursday) 3's, 12 students, 2.5- and young 3-year-olds, Downstairs Class: 9 - 11:45 am
- 3 Day (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) 3's, 12 students, 3-year-olds, Downstairs Class: 9 - 11:45 am
- 4 Day (Tuesday - Friday) 3/4's, 12 students, 3.5- and young 4-year-olds, Downstairs Class: 12:45 - 3:45 pm
- 4 Day (Tuesday - Friday) 4's, 14 students, 4-year-olds, Upstairs Class: 1 - 4 pm
- 5 Day (Monday - Friday) 5's, 16 students, older 4- and 5-year-olds, Upstairs Class: 8:45 am - 12 pm

**Additional Notes:** Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool has been around for almost 80 years. Our director has over 25 years' experience and our assistant director has over 20. They both teach throughout the age groups. Our staff completes ongoing education as part of our National Association for the Education of Young Children certification. We are one of only three schools in Northern VA with this accreditation. The Tauxemont learning experience encourages parents to participate with their children during this major step away from home. The interaction between parent, child and teacher is something quite rare and special.

The cooperative experience includes three key parent responsibilities – work in the classroom, an annual job, and Saturday Work Sessions. Anyone can help work in the classroom – mom, dad, grandparent, caregiver: they just need a background check and TB test. The annual job is based on a survey of skills and interests and what works for your family. Saturday Work Sessions (2 per year) help keep tuition costs low and allow families to contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the school. Some unexpected benefits of the cooperative experience are a feeling of close community, meeting families going through similar stages in life with young children, and friendly, collaborative gatherings that are fun and social because we get to know one another as we work together.

## Trinity Preschool

Website: <http://www.trinitypreschoolalexandria.org>

Address: 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Claire Maucieri

Phone Number: (703) 549-7422

Email Address: [headofpreschool@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:headofpreschool@trinityalexandria.org)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 8:00-9:00 am; 12:00-2:00 pm

Co-Op: No

**Tuition Fees:** Tuition is paid monthly and rates are determined by student's age and number of days they attend preschool.

**Open House This Year:** Yes

**Open House Dates/Times:** January 2024 (date TBD)

**Registration:** January and February 2024

**School Philosophy:** Trinity Preschool follows the Creative Curriculum, which is theory and research based on young children's basic needs, supporting each child's social-emotional development, and supporting cognition and brain development. Our program is play-based.

### Goals

- To provide an environment that supports the growth of the whole child in developmentally appropriate ways.
- To help children learn respect for themselves, each other, and the world around them.
- To encourage children to acquire self-esteem, concern for others, a sense of community and a spirit of sharing.
- To foster creativity, exploration, self-discipline, and a love of learning.
- To provide Objectives for Development and Learning through Creative Curriculum for each child.

**Special Needs:** Case-by-case basis.

### Other Information:

- Daily photos and weekly newsletters documenting classroom activities and student progress.
- Parent-teacher conferences twice a year.
- Weekly Music & Movement Class
- Daily scheduled outside recess time on two separate fenced play areas
- New Playground installed early 2023
- Chapel time with Pastor Grace Han
- Regularly scheduled in-house field trips
- Extended care and enrichment programs
- Licensed by VDOE – inspections twice a year.
- Professional development opportunities for staff and faculty meetings
- All teachers are CPR + First Aid certified.
- Parent, school, and church sponsored community building events throughout the year.

**Additional Notes:** Our preschool believes that children are best understood and supported in the context of family, culture, community and society and we respect the dignity and uniqueness of each child, family member, and colleague. We strive to serve through faithful care of our children, and by seeking



opportunities to connect with our community. We celebrate diversity and extend hospitality and respect to all.

## Valley Drive Preschool

Website: [www.valleydrive.com](http://www.valleydrive.com)

Address: 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

Director: Cynthia Hodgkins

Phone Number: (703) 519-3737

Email Address: [admin@valleydrive.com](mailto:admin@valleydrive.com)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: We offer Lunch Bunch a few days per week. Lunch Bunch runs from 12pm - 1:30pm.

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: 2 y.o. Class:

2 days per week, \$3,320 annually

3 days per week, \$4,380 annually

3 y.o. Class:

3 days per week, \$4,380 annually

5 days per week, \$6,020 annually

4/5 y.o. Class:

4 days per week, \$5,270 annually

5 days per week, \$6,020 annually

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Open House will take place in February 2024. Please check Valley Drive's website, Facebook and/or Instagram pages for updates.

Registration: We offer rolling enrollment, so you may register and tour at anytime throughout the year.

School Philosophy: Our program offers a play-based curriculum that focuses on sensory exploration, music, movement, art, science, and discovery. We believe in child-led learning and encourage our students to explore their interests and environment. We value the importance of time spent outdoors where children can learn about nature and connect with the world around them.

Special Needs: Please contact [membership@valleydrive.com](mailto:membership@valleydrive.com) to discuss your child's needs

Other Information: Expansive Outdoor Space includes:

- Enclosed large playground with sandbox
- Tire swing
- Climbing structure
- Mud kitchen & playhouses
- Eating areas
- Trike area
- Paths for nature walks

Additional Notes: Here are some of the benefits of our play-based curriculum:

- Enhances cognitive development: Play helps children develop their problem-solving skills, creativity, and imagination.
- Promotes social and emotional development: Play provides opportunities for children to learn how to interact with others, share, and resolve conflicts.
- Improves physical development: Play helps children develop their gross and fine motor skills.
- Fosters a love of learning: Play makes learning fun and engaging for children.



## Washington Street United Methodist Church Preschool

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

Address: 109 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Kloe Cella

Phone Number: (703) 549-7931

Email Address: [preschool@wsumc.com](mailto:preschool@wsumc.com)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am - 12:20 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Lunch Bunch for ages 3-5 years old; 12:30-2:00 pm, 1-4 times per week depending on interest

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2023-2024 Tuition Fees:

- 2-Day Class (2 years old – 2 years and 9 months) \$3700 per year or \$370/month
- 3-Day Classes (2 years old – 3 years and 9 months) \$4700 per year or \$470/month
- 5-Day Class (2 years old – 3 years and 9 months) \$6400 per year or \$640/month
- 5-Day Pre-K Class (4 years old – 5 years old) \$6400 per year or \$640/month

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times (If Applicable): Please email [preschool@wsumc.com](mailto:preschool@wsumc.com) for Open House information or to schedule a tour.

Registration: Enrollment Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis for the upcoming school year. 2024-2025 applications are due by Friday, February 23rd.

School Philosophy: Washington Street UMC Preschool's educational program reflects our philosophy of learning through play by using the Creative Curriculum Goals & Objectives as the framework for our approach to teaching young children. Learning through play, especially through dramatic play, is encouraged as children develop higher-level thinking, strengthen language and social skills, cultivate empathy, and make sense of their world.

Special Needs: WSUMCP is committed to meeting the needs of each enrolled child and, as such, welcomes applications of children with special needs such as children with minor disabilities/developmental delays, and minor medical conditions. To discern whether WSUMCP might be an appropriate placement for your child with special needs, please schedule a meeting with the Director to discuss your specific situation when applying for enrollment. Enrollment of children with medical or special needs will be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure proper placement, before admission to WSUMCP.

Additional Notes: Washington Street UMC Preschool offers the following enrichment opportunities:

- Opal Music Studio's Young Musicians Program
- The Science Seed Program
- Spring Chick Hatching & Farm Partnership
- Monthly Chapel

Monthly walking field trips or on-site special events; for example:

- Story time at the Queen Street library
- Visiting the Fire Station
- Riding the Old Town Trolley
- Visiting authors, illustrators and puppeteers
- Nature center visits with turtles and frogs
- Music concerts



## Westminster Weekday Preschool

Website: <https://wpc-alex.org/preschool-2021/>

Address: 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Carolyn Burke

Phone Number: (703) 549-5267

Email Address: [preschooldirector@wpc-alex.org](mailto:preschooldirector@wpc-alex.org)

Age Range of Students: 2½ - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Hours of Extended Care: We offer Lunch Bunch to the 4s' classes in the fall and spring, and to the 3s' classes in the spring. Lunch Bunch is from 12-1 pm.

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2023-24 Tuition Rates

- 2½s - \$3,800
- 3s - \$4,700
- 4-day 4s - \$5,500
- 5-day 4s - \$6,400

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: Tours are available 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10 am and 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 am.

Registration: February 9-23, 2024; Announcement date is March 1, 2024; Commitment date by families is March 8, 2024

School Philosophy: Westminster Weekday Preschool's program is a developmental program that encourages each child to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively at his or 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:

- Potty-training not required.
- Large, bright classrooms with tall windows!
- Large parking lot for easy parking.
- Large, fenced-in playground designed as "centers" (swinging, climbing, sand....); water table and "car wash" for hot days; gardens with native plants.
- We like to play in the light rain and in snow, but an indoor gross motor room is available for very inclement weather!

Additional Notes: Westminster Weekday Preschool (WWP) accepts children of all racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, including children with special needs. As an integral part of the educational ministry and community outreach of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the preschool celebrates traditional Christian holidays while it also welcomes the opportunity to learn about other traditions and holiday celebrations. The preschool strives to provide a rich variety of experiences for our students. By sharing customs and ideas, traditions and meanings, we promote understanding and acceptance of each other.





The preschool emphasizes the importance and uniqueness of each child and provides an environment in which each child is accepted, nurtured, and encouraged to grow to full potential. The preschool's goals are to establish a model educational program for the children who attend, to emphasize a developmental approach to early childhood education, and to meet the needs of a socially, racially, and economically integrated group of children and parents.

WWP has been a well-loved preschool in the City of Alexandria since 1975. The majority of the staff members have worked at WWP for 5-35 years! Our classes spend up to 90 minutes a day outside. WWP uses Conscious Discipline, a brain-science based, social-emotional intelligence program. We also teach a parenting class on Conscious Discipline that is open to the community. WWP participates in many community service activities in which the children can be involved along with their families. We have (typically) weekly music classes, fun assemblies with outside guests, and gardening days to take care of our garden.