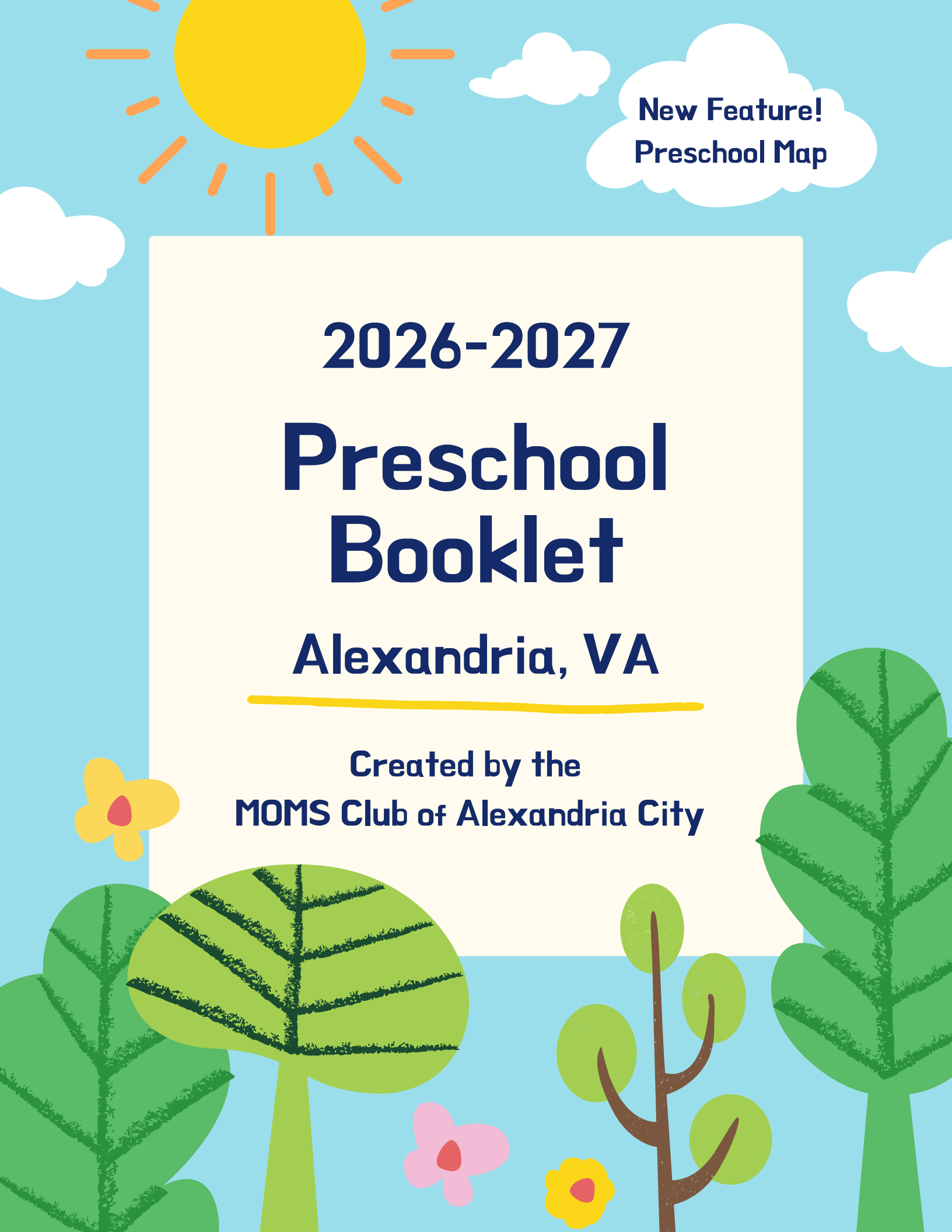




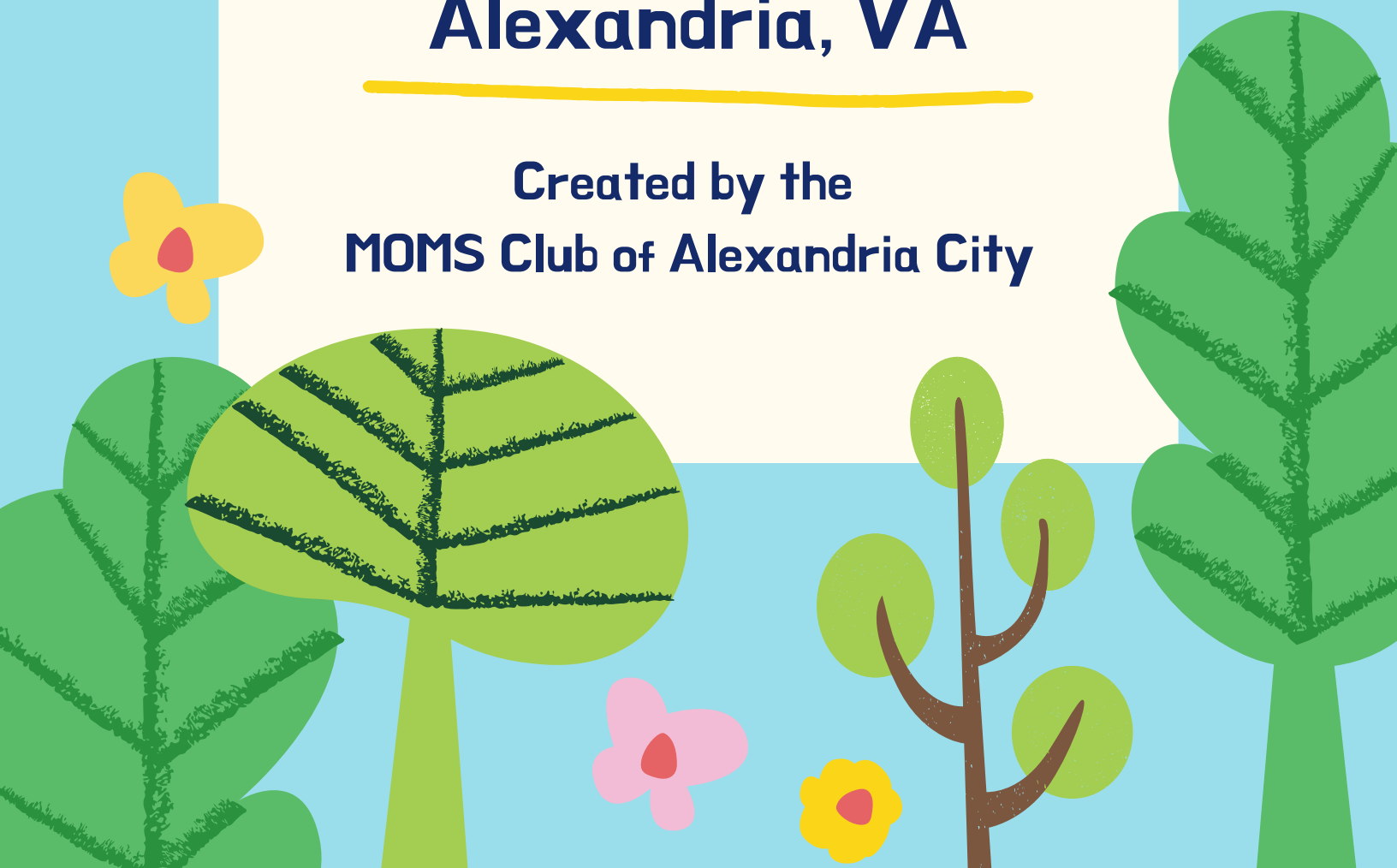
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Alexandria, VA

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Where does the information about each school come from?

Each school's information is provided by a representative of the school via an online form. Aside from slight formatting changes, the information is published exactly as it is received. Always check with schools directly to confirm the information here is up-to-date and correct.

Who creates and publishes the Preschool Booklet?

The MOMS Club of Alexandria City compiles and distributes the Preschool Booklet every fall for the following school year. The Club is a chapter of MOMS Club International, a 501(c)3 organization.

Why isn't ____ school included?

We reach out to as many preschools as we can find with an invitation to participate. Outreach is conducted via email and follow-up phone calls. It is then up to individual school administrators to complete the participation form in order to be included in the booklet.

If you know a school who would like to be included, please have the director or other school representative reach out to momspreschoolfair@gmail.com to be included next year.

Why are daycare centers included in the Preschool Booklet?

Our main intent is preschools. However some facilities that identify as a school also offer infant care. And some facilities that identify as a daycare offer an academic curriculum and follow a school schedule. We've chosen to take a broad scope and be more inclusive than not.

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What if I notice an error in the Preschool Booklet? Can it be corrected?

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Members reside within the city of Alexandria, VA in zip codes 22301, 22302, 22304, 22305, 22206, 22311, 22312 and 22314.

momsclubalexandria.com



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Disclaimer

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Agudas Achim Preschool

agudasachim-va.org/learn/preschool

2908 Valley Dr.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-998-6072
preschool@agudasachim-va.org



Director: Fran Besalel

Age Range of Students: 20 months (in Aug) – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 8:00 am – 9:00 am; 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm;
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm (Mon-Thurs)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: YES!

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes, on a case-by-case basis

Tuition: Core program (9:00-1:00): \$1,075/5-days
Afternoon (1:00-4:00): \$620
Early Drop-Off (8:00-9:00): \$205
Late Pick-Up (4:00-5:00, 4 days/week): \$169

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Thurs, Dec 11, 2025 10:00-11:30 am
Mon, Feb 9, 2026 10:00-11:30 am

Registration Information: Begins in January. Admissions announced February 27, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

We are a play-based, child-centered Jewish preschool welcoming any child ages 20 months to age 5.

Aldersgate Day School

aldersgatedayschool.com

1301 Collingwood Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22308
703-768-8351
dayschool@aldersgate.net



Director: Beth Bachmore

Age Range of Students: 12 months – Kindergarten

School Hours: Most classes are 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The Day School offers a 5-hour fours and Jr. Kindergarten from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Kindergarten: 9:00am – 3:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: New playground built in 2021!

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes - Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: On a case by case basis

Tuition: Tuition Fees paid in 9 monthly payments:

Kindergarten (9am-3pm): \$10,125 See office for payment schedule

Jr. Kindergarten (9am-2pm): \$800

5-hour Fours: \$800 (9am-2pm)

5-day Threes, 5-day Fours: \$500

3-day Threes, 3-day Fours: \$335

2-day Threes: \$275

Toddler I, Toddler II, Pre-3 (T/Th): \$280

Toddler I, Toddler II, Pre-3 (MWF): \$400

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Friday, Dec 5, 2025 9:15-11:30 am; Rolling tours, children welcome!

Registration Information: Opens at 12:00am on Monday, January 5, 2026.

School Goals/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!

Other Information:

Aldersgate Day School is an approved MCCYN and Child Care Aware provider.

Alexandria Country Day School

acdsnet.org



2400 Russell Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-548-4804
lhendrickson@acdsnet.org

Director: Liz Hendrickson

Age Range of Students: 5 years – 14 years (Grades K-8)

School Hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:00 am – 8:00 am; 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: The School does not discriminate against qualified applicants or students on the basis of disabilities that may be reasonably accommodated. Adjustments to the School's program are made through an interactive process between the student's family and the appropriate School personnel. However, as a small independent school, families should understand that we are limited in the support and interventions we provide. Our Admissions Director is happy to speak with families at any time about the accommodations and support we offer.

Tuition: K-2: \$36,730
3-5: \$38,550
6-8: \$40,850

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Sat, Nov 8, 2025 9:00-11:00 am
Wed, Dec 3, 2025 9:00-11:00 am
Tues, Jan 13, 2026 9:00-11:00 am

Registration Information: Ongoing

School Goals/Philosophy:

Our mission is to challenge students intellectually; inspire their confidence, curiosity, and creativity; and prepare them to thrive in a diverse and complex world by ensuring that they are independent learners, effective communicators, community minded citizens, and balanced individuals.

Other Information:

Please join us for a tour on any Wednesday morning between 8:30 am and 10:30 am throughout the school year. For more information, please contact us at 703-548-4804.

All God's Children Weekday Program

franconiaumc.org/preschool

6037 Franconia Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-310-4763
agcpreschool@franconiaumc.org

Director: Jessica Copes



Age Range of Students: 2.5 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Tuesday – Friday

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (if enough interest)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: We have a fully fenced playground we use daily, weather permitting

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes, on a case by case basis. We welcome FCPS resource teachers to work with students.

Tuition: 3 days per week: \$405/month
4 days per week: \$535/month

2026-2027 Open House: No Email the director for a tour.

Registration Information: 2026-2027 registration opens for new families on February 4, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

All God's Children (AGC) has been a ministry of Franconia UMC since 1993. AGC provides the right balance of social and academic skills through a play based curriculum that develops the whole child. We offer small class sizes with 2 teachers per classroom, many of our staff have over 15 years of experience at AGC!

Other Information:

Our daily routine includes circle time, project time, playground, and free play. We have a fenced playground and an indoor space for gross motor play on rainy days. Children attend 'specials' weekly, led by our experienced staff members. Students attend Music 2 days per week and Chapel and Library 1 day per week.

We have a host of special days and experiences throughout the year such as spirit days, Fire Truck visits, and hatching chicks. We also have many seasonal festivities that families attend such as our Christmas and Easter performances and a Halloween Costume parade.

American Day School

americandayschool.com

917 Princess St.
Alexandria VA 22314

501 N. Henry St.
Alexandria VA 22314

1108 Oronoco St.
Alexandria VA 22314

703-542-1278
admissions@americandayschool.com



Director: Pilar Mackay

Age Range of Students: 2 months – 6 years

School Hours: 7:30 am – 6:00pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Onsite playground

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: \$1,699 – \$2,344

2026-2027 Open House: No

Registration Information: Enrollment is year-round.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Our school values each child as unique and is dedicated to creating a welcoming and supportive environment that encourages their intellectual, physical, social, and emotional growth.

Other Information:

Introduction to Spanish; Math & Science; Early Literacy Skills; Physical Education; Handwriting Skills- Learning Without Tears; Outdoor Play; Field Trips (Pre-School 2 & Pre-K); STEAM based activities; Reading Skills

The Basilica School of Saint Mary

smsva.org

400 Green St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-549-1646
kminkiewicz@smsva.org



Director: Kate Minkiewicz

Age Range of Students: 4 years – 5 years

School Hours: Full-day PreK: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (M, T, Th, Fr) and 8:00 am – 2:00 pm (W); Half-day PreK: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (M, T, Th, F) and optional lunch bunch on W until 2:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** Full-day PreK students until 5:30 pm. Half-day PreK students until 5:30 pm on Wed. only.

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Children play outside at daily recess.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: For the 2025-2026 School Year, tuition was \$8,470 for Half Day PreK and \$13,402 for Full Day PreK.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Thurs, Nov 20, 2025. Pre-registration is required at www.smsva.org.

Registration Information: Applications for the 2026-2027 school year open November 20, 2025.

School Goals/Philosophy:

The mission of The Basilica School of Saint Mary is to nurture Saints, Stewards, and Scholars. The Basilica School of Saint Mary recognizes that each child is a gift made in God's image. Our pre-kindergarten program offers young children a wonderful opportunity to grow, explore, and learn.

Other Information:

Any child applying for PreK must be fully toilet trained and four years old by September 30 of the enrollment year.

BASIS Independent McLean

basisindependent.com/schools/va/mclean

8000 Jones Branch Dr.
McLean, VA 22102
703-854-1253
mclean-admissions@basisindependent.com



Age 2–Grade 12 Private School

Director: Amy Pernick

Age Range of Students: 2 years – Grade 12

School Hours: 8:15 am – 3:15 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:00 am – 7:50 am; 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: We have limited resources on campus for many special needs.

Tuition: \$30,900 – \$39,165 (Toddlers – Kindergarten)

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Sat, Jan 24, 2026 9:00-11:00 am

Registration Information: Early admissions deadline is Friday, November 15, 2025.

School Goals/Philosophy:

BASIS Independent McLean is an age 2-grade 12 private school. Our Early Learning Program (Age 2–Kindergarten) is designed to empower each child, 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.

Other Information:

We take a developmentally appropriate approach to fueling academic, social, and emotional growth.

Our Discovery Blocks of Learning curriculum offers an impressive array of courses that foster early numeracy, literacy, and awareness of the ideas and topics to come in later years. Students learn through developmentally appropriate play, music, and exploratory activities to help make high-level material more accessible.

The Discovery Blocks of Learning include: Social & Emotional Development and Self-Care Skills; Language & Literacy; Math Discovery; Expressive Arts - Art, Music & Drama; Mandarin; Movement & Physical Education; World Discovery; STEM Discovery

Bethany Lutheran

bethanybobcats.com

1250 Beacon Hill Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22306
703-765-8687
office@bethanybobcats.com

Director: Kelley Durham



Age Range of Students: 18 months – Grade 3

School Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Case-by-case basis

Tuition: \$595 – \$750

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Tues, Feb 17, 2026

Registration Information: 2026-2027 registration opens February 24, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

We were founded in 1959 to provide a Christian education for young children and as an outreach to their families.

Our goal is to nurture each child's spiritual, emotional, social, and academic growth in a Christ-centered environment. We aim to foster a love for learning and cultivate Christian values such as love, kindness, patience, and respect while preparing our students with the foundational skills they need for future academic success.

Other Information:

Bethany Lutheran offers programs for children ages 18 months through 3rd grade and homeschool programs for Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

We believe that every child is a unique creation of God, deserving love, respect, and the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge. Our school provides a safe and caring atmosphere where children can explore, learn, and develop through play, creative activities, and structured lessons.

Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, we integrate biblical principles into everyday learning, helping children understand their relationship with God and others. By fostering a partnership with families, we strive to support the holistic development of each child in mind, body, and spirit.

Beverley Hills Church Preschool

bhcpnet.org

3512 Old Dominion Blvd.
Alexandria, VA 22305
703-549-7441
membership@bhcpnet.org



Director: Kate Schneider

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 12:30 pm – 2:00pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Natural playground

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: 2-3 years old 4-Day Classes: \$8,585
4-5 years old 5-Day Classes: \$10,144

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Sat, Nov 15, 2025

Registration Information: February 2026

School Goals/Philosophy:

As a cooperative learning community inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education, BHCP's mission is to celebrate the image of the child as capable, creative, and curious. In collaboration with families, we foster children's innate sense of wonder, their desire to explore the world, build relationships, and express themselves through the Hundred Languages of Children. Outdoor learning is an essential part of each day, with our natural playground offering space for discovery and connection to the world around them. Beverley Hills Church Preschool welcomes families and employees of all races, religious affiliations, ethnicities, genders, and family structures. We value parents as essential partners, cultivating a strong, inclusive community where children, families, and educators engage in mutual learning and care.

Other Information:

We provide financial aid and tuition assistance for sibling families.

Blessed Sacrament School and Early Childhood Center

bssva.org

1417 W. Braddock Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-998-4170
kchelak@bssva.org



Director: Kate Chelak

Age Range of Students: 3 years – 14 years

School Hours: 8:30 am – 11:45 am/1:30 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:00 am – 8:30 am; 11:45 am/1:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: Three Day, Three Year Old: \$7,537
Five Day, Three Year Old: \$8,253
Five Day, Four/Five Year Old: \$8,805

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Wed, Nov 12, 2025
Wed, Jan 7, 2026
Wed, May 6, 2026

Registration Information: Open Registration

School Goals/Philosophy:

Blessed Sacrament School's Early Childhood Center is a play based, developmental Catholic preschool. Our ECC provides an education that is a developmentally appropriate and productive avenue for the characteristics of a complete educational process through play and focused on Christ's love. It develops initiative, imagination, and interest. Play is inherently individual and has no predetermined expectations. There can be no "failure" in play. Each child is free to succeed at self-chosen tasks, and this success leads to feelings of competence, self-worth, and the willingness to try new things.

The "Foundation Blocks for Learning" developed by the Commonwealth of Virginia provides the foundation for the curriculum to include: literacy, mathematics, science, history, social sciences, and physical and social/emotional development. The "Kindergarten Readiness Testing" results show that our ECC provides a solid foundation in Language Arts and Math skills for success in the elementary years.

Other Information:

Running September through May, our ECC offers 4 classes for preschoolers, divided by age. All preschool students must be 3 years of age by Sept. 30 (fully potty-trained; no pull-ups are allowed). Class sizes run 16:2 or 18:2 for a student/teacher ratio.

Bright Horizons Old Town Alexandria

child-care-preschool.brighthorizons.com/va/alexandria/alexandria

411 John Carlyle Street Alexandria, VA 22314
703-519-1840
alexandria@brighthorizons.com



Director: Vinnette Malcolm

Age Range of Students: 6 Weeks Through 5 years

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

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: Full time: \$2,300/month
Part-Time: \$1,725/month

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Stop in any time for a tour of the facility.

Registration Information: Year-round enrollment. While there are no formal deadlines, we recommend early registration to ensure placement and to accommodate your preferred start date.

School Goals/Philosophy:

At Bright Horizons we believe that environment is the key to creating a joyful place for childhood; and we put a great deal of thought and care into creating those joyful places. In keeping with Reggio Emilia and Montessori philosophies, our designs consider not only what children need in a space, but how they will use it. We know our centers will form an integral part of a child's earliest learning; and with that in mind, we carefully curate high-quality materials for every center to create beautiful environments with rich, open-ended experiences that nurture development and inspire learning.

Other Information:

At Bright Horizons at Old Town Alexandria, we believe in nurturing the whole child through engaging, hands-on experiences. Our center features dedicated enrichment spaces designed to spark curiosity and creativity:

Movement Matters Zone – Promotes physical development and active play.

STEM Lab & Art Studio – Encourages exploration, innovation, and artistic expression.

Growing Readers Library – Fosters a love of reading and early literacy skills.

To learn more about our programs and explore additional resources, please visit our center website:

<https://child-care-preschool.brighthorizons.com/va/alexandria/alexandria>

Bright Mind Preschool

brightmindpreschool.com

322 N. Alfred St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
571-970-4075
infobrightmindpreschool@gmail.com



Bright Mind Preschool

Director: Herdawit "Cookie" Balcha

Age Range of Students: 30 months – Kindergarten entrance

School Hours: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Children are outside for over an hour each day, weather permitting.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: On a case by case basis.

Tuition: \$150 annual registration fee
Busy Bee Class: \$1,900/month
All other classes: \$1,790/month
\$1,000 annual activity fee

2026-2027 Open House: No Tours available at 10:30 am & 4:30 pm weekdays upon request.

Registration Information: Rolling admission based on space availability.

School Goals/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.

Browne Academy

browneacademy.org

5917 Telegraph Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-960-3000
admission@browneacademy.org



Director: Kim McCue

Age Range of Students: 3 years – 13 years

School Hours: 8:00 am – 3:15 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:00 am – 8:00 am; 3:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Browne Academy welcomes applications from children whose needs we can accommodate. While we provide reasonable classroom supports, we do not employ special education teachers. To discuss whether we are the right fit for your child, please contact us.

Tuition: Annual Tuition: \$26,416

Annual Fees: \$1,000 Facility Repair & Replacement, \$165 Parent Association

2026-2027 Open House: Yes

Registration Information: The enrollment process begins November 1, 2025 and must be completed February 1, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Browne Academy began as one of the first integrated schools in Virginia. Today that spirit of inclusion endures, as our core values – excellence, diversity, character, and community – are an integral part of our school's tapestry. By encouraging all members of our community to exemplify these values every day, we are building a foundation of empathy and respect that will serve our students throughout their lives.

We believe in providing our students with experiential learning opportunities that encourage thoughtful questioning, personal engagement, use of the greater community, and a deeper understanding of the world. Through our inquiry-based approach, we strive to foster our students' natural curiosity and develop their lifelong love of learning. We intentionally keep our class sizes small to nurture each child's academic, social, and emotional growth. Students feel safe and cared for in such an environment, and as a result, we see them thrive. Our graduates are equipped both academically and personally to navigate life after Browne Academy with confidence.

Other Information:

We invite you to tour our campus, meet our dedicated faculty, and experience our vibrant classrooms firsthand. Contact our Admissions Office to schedule your visit.

Burgundy Farm Country Day School



burgundyfarm.org

3700 Burgundy Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22303
703-960-3431
info@burgundyfarm.org

Director: Jeff Sindler

Age Range of Students: 4 years – 14 years

School Hours: 8:25 am – 3:15 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** Begins at 7:00 am; Ends at 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, children spend extensive time outside in nature during both class time and break time.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: \$38,147

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Tues, Nov 11, 2025 9:00-11:00 am
Sat, Jan 10, 2026 9:00-11:00 am

Registration Information: Admissions visits are November 2025 to January 2026. Application checklist and financial aid applications are due January 16, 2026. Admissions decisions are published on February 27, 2026. Enrollment decisions and deposits are due March 13, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Guided by the belief that we are inherently connected to all people and the world around us, we nurture in our students a joy of learning, an appreciation for human diversity, and, on a campus in which every classroom opens to the outdoors, a sense of stewardship for the environment.

Our philosophy is rooted in the concepts of progressive education, which honors the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of children, allowing growth to unfold at each child's own pace. Through work, exploration, and play, we seek to educate the whole child, not just the intellect. We know from experience and cognitive science that children learn best not only by doing, but also by thinking about what they are doing. Our approach is to stimulate students' questions and to set the stage for learning with materials, situations, and ideas from which the students can construct their own understanding.

Other Information:

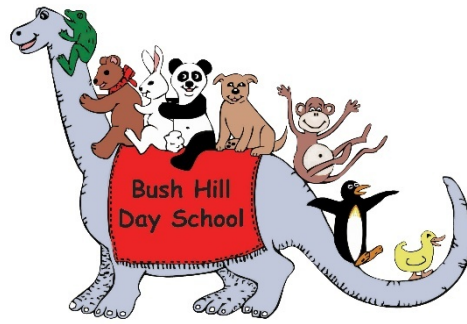
Burgundy's Junior Kindergarten program provides our four year old students with rich opportunities in the classroom, in nature, in the community, and working with designated and highly qualified specials teachers in music, art, and PE.

Bush Hill Day School

bushhill.org/bush-hill-day-school

4916 Franconia Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-922-9185
bushhilldayschool@gmail.com

Director: Maureen Osler



Age Range of Students: 2.5 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** Lunch Bunch: 12:00 pm – 1:00pm (Mon – Thurs, Sept – May); Enrichment Programs for 4-year-old classes: Books & Cooks (4 weeks in Nov), Fitness Fun (4 weeks in Jan), Simply Science (6 weeks in March/April)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes! Beautiful playground for recess; landscaped church grounds for other outdoor activities

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: We strive to meet the needs of all children and their families at BHDS. We welcome Resource Teachers into our classrooms to provide services.

Tuition: 2 mornings/week: \$300/month
3 mornings/week: \$370/month
5 mornings/week: \$525/month

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Informational tours will be held in January 2026. Call the Director for more information and/or sign-up.

Registration Information: Registration begins February 1, 2026.

School Goals/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.

Other Information:

Car line 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. Kids Nature Shows, Story Tellers, Magicians, etc.). Community-building family social events held throughout the year.

The Butterfly House

vts.edu/the-butterfly-house

3800 & 3810 Butterfly Ln.
Alexandria, VA 22304
703-461-1786
jsanchez@vts.edu



THE
**BUTTERFLY
HOUSE**
Virginia Theological Seminary

Director: Juanita Sanchez

Age Range of Students: 6 weeks – 6 years

School Hours: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, outdoor exploration is an essential part of our program.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: The Butterfly House welcomes children of all abilities. Our educators work to understand and support each child's unique strengths and needs, adapting the environment and learning experiences to foster inclusion, growth, and a sense of belonging. We partner with families and specialists when needed to ensure every child thrives.

Tuition: Infant Classroom: \$2,575 per month

Toddler Classroom: \$2,260 per month

2-Year-Old Classroom: \$2,155 per month

Rising 3's Classroom: \$2,155 per month

PreK 3 & PreK 4: \$2,100 per month

Our annual fees include a \$250 registration fee, a \$300 supply fee, and a \$300 activity fee.

Enrichment classes are included for all children. Families with children in PreK 4 also have an additional \$75 graduation fee.

2026-2027 Open House: No

Tours available by request; contact the director.

Registration Information: Open enrollment will occur twice annually in September and January.

Admission for September is determined by June of each year. Admission for January is determined by October of each year.

School Goals/Philosophy:

At The Butterfly House, we believe children are capable, competent, and full of potential from birth. Our approach is Reggio Emilia – inspired and nature-based, blending emergent learning with meaningful experiences that encourage curiosity and discovery. We foster growth through exploration, creativity, collaboration, and self-expression, while teachers serve as co-learners and guides who observe, document, and create inspiring environments. Each child's individuality and learning style are honored, encouraging a love of learning that supports a smooth transition into school. Outdoor exploration is an essential part of our program, providing children with opportunities to connect with nature, develop problem-solving skills, and engage their senses in meaningful ways.

Our mission is to create a safe, nurturing environment where children freely explore, make choices, and build essential skills, social, emotional, cognitive, and problem-solving that prepare them for the future. Families, staff, and community are valued partners in this process, and teachers are supported with

ongoing professional development. In all we do, our goal is to cultivate a warm, creative, and inclusive space where children, families, and educators thrive together.

Other Information:

Priority enrollment is given to Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) students and employees, as well as Episcopal High School (EHS) employees. Children of families outside VTS or EHS are considered Community Status.

Community Status enrollment is offered on a yearly basis (September–August) and is finalized once placements for current and incoming VTS and EHS families have been determined. Future enrollment for Community Status children is not guaranteed. Families will receive at least 60 days’ notice if their enrollment eligibility changes. While priority is given to VTS and EHS families, every effort will be made to retain all families in our school community.

We offer a five-week summer program. Children 2 years old and younger may attend the first session. Children 3 years and older should make alternative arrangements for this session. The second session is open to children of all ages. During the first session, teachers work on a rotating schedule. Summer camp runs from 8am to 5pm.

Children's House Montessori School

childrenshousemontessori.com

104 Hume Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-547-4423
admissions@childrenshousemontessori.com

Director: Jad Touma



Children's House
Montessori School

Age Range of Students: 18 months – 6 years

School Hours: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 3:45 pm – 5:30 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes! Children spend time outside playing on our on-campus playground and in our peaceful garden/courtyard.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Lunch

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Montessori Guides are trained to support and guide each type of student learner.

Tuition: Please visit www.childrenshousemontessori.com for current tuition details.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Individual virtual and in-person tours available.

Registration Information: Families confirm their child's placement on a first come, first serve basis.

School Goals/Philosophy:

CHMS provides a high-quality Montessori education to young learners that helps them develop independence, confidence, and socialization.

CHMS's core values are the embodiment of its philosophy: practicing safety, strengthening community, building character, and adhering to Dr. Montessori's principles.

Other Information:

CHMS graduates are equipped with tools and lessons for their next educational chapter. CHMS graduates who enter Kindergarten and 1st grade are often seen as leaders, student helpers, and peacemakers. Early childhood education at CHMS goes beyond creating a strong academic foundation, to develop proactive, empathetic, and prosocial graduates prepared for the future.

Children's International School

childrensinternationalschool.com

25 S. Quaker Ln.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-751-7266
cischoolalexandria@gmail.com



Director: Ami St Louis

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 7:15 am – 5:45 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes. We have two outdoor playgrounds and a Discovery Room for the children to use.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: 2 year olds: \$1,820/month
3-5 year olds: \$1,680/month

2026-2027 Open House: No

Registration Information: Registration is on rolling basis. Re-registration every September

School Goals/Philosophy:

At Children's International School, we follow the Reggio Emilia approach, a child-centered philosophy that encourages children to explore, create, and learn through hands-on experiences. This approach fosters curiosity, independence, and collaboration, helping each child discover and express their unique voice. Our program is also holistic, addressing not only the academic but also the emotional, social, and physical development of each child. This ensures that every aspect of their growth is nurtured in a supportive, enriching environment.

We would be delighted to welcome you for a tour at a time that's most convenient for you. During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to meet our dedicated and experienced teachers – many of whom have been part of our CIS family for 10 to 30 years. You'll also get to experience the warm, nurturing environment that makes our school so special.

Other Information:

We expose our children to Spanish and other foreign languages. Children receive ongoing exposure to other cultures and learn about other parts of the world. Students engage in history lessons learning about important figures and their contributions to the world.

ChildSpace Learning Center

mychildspace.com

2721 Mount Vernon Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301
571-429-3082
info@mychildspace.com



Director: Valentina Kizchanka

Age Range of Students: 2.5 years – 7 years

School Hours: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** Ages 2.5-5: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Mon – Fri);
Ages 5-7: 2:35 pm – 6:00 pm (Mon-Fri)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Daily outdoor time is part of our schedule.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: We do accept children with special needs on a case-by-case basis.

Tuition: Tuition varies depending on the selected schedule, ranging from \$665 to \$1,870 per month. We offer flexible full-day or half-day schedules, available 2, 3, or 5 days a week, with Extended Day options. Please contact us for the most up-to-date tuition and fee information.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on open house dates.

Registration Information: Enrollment is on a rolling basis year-round, depending on availability. There are no specific deadlines. Enrollment for the following school year opens on October 1st.

School Goals/Philosophy:

ChildSpace is more than just a learning center - it's a warm, welcoming community where children, families, and teachers thrive. We believe in a balanced approach to early childhood education, combining the freedom of Play-Based Learning with thoughtfully guided experiences in small group settings. Our nurturing environment supports each child's unique growth, while enriching classes like Science, Music, Foreign Languages, and Language & Literacy spark curiosity and joy. At ChildSpace, we ensure that every child and family feels engaged, valued, and inspired.

Other Information:

ChildSpace is a small, private center located in the heart of Del Ray (Alexandria, VA 22301) that offers the following programs: Preschool Program for children ages 2.5-5 with flexible full-day or half-day schedules, available 2, 3, or 5 days a week; After-School Options for children ages 2.5-7; Summer Camp Options for children ages 2.5-7; Enrichment Classes for children ages 2.5-7 years old; Events for Families; Family Referral Program

Clarendon Child Care Center (CCCC)

clarendonchildcarecenter.org

1305 N. Jackson St.
Arlington, VA 22201
703-528-1361
info@clarendonchildcarecenter.org

Director: Sandra Redmore



Age Range of Students: 2.5 years – 5 years

School Hours: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes. Children have outdoor time three times each day. Our natural playground is designed for creative, constructive play, to connect children to nature, and to be a beautiful space to run, climb and explore.

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: Yes – Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes, contact the Director to discuss.

Tuition: 2.5 and young 3 year old classroom: \$507/week

Older 3, 4 and 5 year old classroom: \$471.50/week

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

2026-2027 Open House: Yes

Contact info@clarendonchildcarecenter.org or 703-528-1361 to schedule a tour.

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

School Goals/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.

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.

Creative Play School

creativeplayschool.biz

100 E. Windsor Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301

885 N. Howard St.
Alexandria, VA 22304

703-836-7090; 703-751-3388

ksolberg@creativeplayschool.biz; sblanco@creativeplayschool.biz



Director: Kris Solberg; Sandra Blanco

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years; After-school: Kindergarten – Grade 5

School Hours: 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, playground on site

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Case by case basis

Tuition: Based on age, please call for information.

2026-2027 Open House: No Tours are conducted throughout the year.

Registration Information: Ongoing enrollment; most openings occur over the summer.

School Goals/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.

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 the University of Virginia. We are a full day, year round school.

Crystal City Children's Center

crystalcitychildrenscenter.org

3650 S. Glebe Rd. Suite 170
Arlington, VA 22202
703-979-2770
lolita@crystalcitychildrenscenter.org



Director: Lolita Robertson

Age Range of Students: 3 months – 5 years

School Hours: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: No

Tuition: Weekly tuition rates range from \$542 to \$699. Rates include meals, weekly Enrichment Programs along with a monthly interactive storytime with Mother Goose. On-site OT and Speech services are available.

2026-2027 Open House: No

Registration Information: Year-round

School Goals/Philosophy:

Crystal City Children's Center provides professional childcare and education to young children with a philosophy that emphasizes the importance of learning through play. Activities are consistent with the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of the child. Teachers plan and carry out daily lesson plans for their classroom's age group around a weekly topic. Science, cooking, reading and math readiness—as well as art, music and dramatic play—are incorporated into the curriculum.

Other Information:

We believe children deserve a safe, clean, and supportive environment in which to grow and learn. A positive self-image that fosters satisfying personal relationships, individuality and self-expression is valued and encouraged in children. Children must be given the opportunity to grow and learn at their own pace, while learning to play and develop a favorable attitude toward learning as part of our Center family. The day is a combination of planned activities and playtime. Children are encouraged to participate in the program at their own level of development. We support a warm, secure, and rich environment in which children are encouraged to develop a love of learning.

The Del Ray Montessori School

thedelraymontessorischool.com

100 E. Windsor Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-380-1241
office@thedelraymontessorischool.com



Director: Jennifer Bush

Age Range of Students: 18 months – 12 years

School Hours: 8:05 am – 3:15 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 3:15pm – 4:30 pm or 5:30 pm (< 7 years)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, as well as an onsite garden.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: We try to accommodate the needs of all children with the resources we have.

Tuition: Young Children's Community: 18 months - 3 years: \$26,036 Annual Tuition

Primary Program: 3-6 years: \$20,883 Annual Tuition

Elementary Program: 6-12 years: \$21,624 Annual Tuition

2026-2027 Open House: Yes

Registration Information: Applications are due February 1, 2026, and applicants are notified by March 15, 2026. After February 1, applications are reviewed and considered if space is available.

School Goals/Philosophy:

The school's mission is to create a carefully prepared learning environment that will nurture the spirit of the child, guiding each along a path to reaching his/her full learning potential. We achieve this through:

- Providing a safe, stable, and academically stimulating environment for children guided by the principles of the Montessori method of education as supported by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI);
- Fostering the child's innate curiosity and strong desire to learn through the implementation of a curriculum that is scientifically based on the development of the child;
- Helping each child develop independence, self-motivation, independent thinking, confidence with character, and a strong sense of community;
- Fostering a joyful, lifelong love of learning;
- Cultivating parent and community involvement to support the growth and development of children in a collaborative effort with the school.

Other Information:

A non-profit Montessori School located in the quaint Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, we are associated with and recognized by AMI/USA (Association Montessori International). We value providing a true, high-fidelity Montessori education for children. Founded in 2011, we serve children aged 18 months to 12 years and their families in the DC metropolitan area. Extended care is available!

We invite you to learn more about our school by registering for an Inquiry Call. During our 30-minute call, we can discuss our school, Montessori Education—what makes it special, and your child and family's needs.

Elsa's Blessings Day School

(formerly St. Anthony's Day School)

elsasblessings.com

321 First St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-593-6024
info@elsasblessings.com



Director: Robyn Everhart-Terry

Age Range of Students: 0 – 6 years

School Hours: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, we have our own playground for infant-2s and use the playground across the street (Montgomery Park) for older children.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: Infant (1A & 1B): \$560/week
Toddler 2A: \$505/week
Toddler 2B: \$465/week
Preschool 3A: \$430/week
Preschool 3B: \$400/week
PreK: \$370/week

2026-2027 Open House: No

Tours offered daily and can be scheduled at
www.elsasblessings.com/schedule-a-tour

Registration Information: Ongoing

School Goals/Philosophy:

We utilize the Creative Curriculum, a research-based, child-centered approach that emphasizes hands-on, play-based learning. We focus on fostering children's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development through interactive experiences and a structured yet flexible environment. We encourage children to get involved in their community by collaborating with non-profits and churches in the area. We also partner with third parties to provide a well-rounded curriculum:

- Weekly music lessons
- Weekly movement classes
- Monthly enrichment experiences such as art classes, yoga, science experiments, puppet shows, librarian visits and others
- Daily Christian teachings such as morning circle time prayer, Christian songs, and bible stories

Other Information:

Our classrooms have lower staff to student ratios than most daycares, with three staff members in each classroom. Our infants, for example, have a 1:3 ratio.

Emmanuel Preschool

epsonhigh.org

1608 Russell Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-946-3233
director@epsonhigh.org

Director: Nicole Crochet



EMMANUEL
PRESCHOOL

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 12:30 pm – 2:00pm (for 3s, 4s, & 5s)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, 45-70 minutes per day

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with 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.

Tuition: 2026-27 Tuition will be decided in November.

2025-26 Tuition Fees:

2-Day Program for 2s: \$3,990

3-Day Program for 3s: \$5,880

5-Day Program for 4/5s: \$7,790

2026-2027 Open House: No

Tours offered during the school day. To schedule, contact the director at director@epsonhigh.org.

Registration Information: New families applications open in November and acceptance notification go out at the end of February. Families must tour the school to apply.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Emmanuel Preschool offers a play-based, developmentally appropriate, and enriching education for preschool-aged children. We value the spirit of each 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.

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 monthly 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.

Excel Preparatory Preschool Academy

excelprepacademy.org

2418 Grist Mill Pl.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-317-1389
admissions@excelprepacademy.org



Director: Helen Holmes

Age Range of Students: 0 – 6 years

School Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:30 am – 8:00 am; 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: Admissions Inquiry. Military, Government & Neighborhood Discounts Available.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes

Registration Information: Year-round

School Goals/Philosophy:

Excel Prep is an early learning independent school located in the Eisenhower-Old Town neighborhood of Alexandria. We provide an environment where our scholars develop into empathetic, self-directed, critical thinkers who don't give up when faced with challenges and build on their natural curiosity.

Other Information:

We believe in fostering critical and creative thinking and collaborative problem-solving through a robust curriculum delivered by engaging and dedicated educators. Excel Prep is a Mandarin Immersion and STEAM-based early learning institution, fully licensed by the State of Virginia Dept. of Education. Excel Preparatory Preschool Academy maintains accreditation with NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI. The academic program is based on the classical learning model and John Dewey's theory that children learn best by doing. Our curriculum, The Creative Curriculum, is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum designed to help teachers implement developmentally appropriate practices and offer responsive daily routines and meaningful experiences that nurture learning and development.

Fairlington Preschool

fairlingtonpreschool.org

3900 King St.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-671-3939
director@fairlingtonpreschool.org

Director: Jaime Thompson



Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 8:00 am – 9:00 am; 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: Preschool Tuition (2025-2026 rates)

2-Day Two's: \$410; 3-Day Two's: \$615

3-Day Three's & Up: \$583; 5-Day Three's & Up: \$733

Before Care Tuition: 2-Day Before Care: \$103; 3-Day Before Care: \$154; 5-Day Before Care: \$243

After Care Tuition: 2-Day After Care: \$410; 3-Day After Care: \$616; 5-Day After Care: \$974.40

2026-2027 Open House: Yes January, February

Registration Information: January & February 2026

School Goals/Philosophy:

Fairlington Preschool is a play-based, family-centered, inclusive community. Our goal is:

- To provide children with active learning experiences that facilitate cognitive, social-emotional, and physical growth through the use of our developmentally appropriate HighScope curriculum.
- To create inclusive classrooms where diversity is treasured and children with differing needs, abilities, and backgrounds learn and grow together.
- To offer parents the opportunity to be actively involved in their child's learning and growth, to work as a team with teachers, and become effective, life-long advocates for their children.
- To be a model for inclusion and play-based education to all in our community.

Other Information:

Our teachers implement the HighScope curriculum - a research-based & play-based approach that engages children in active learning and focuses on the whole child, ensuring that all aspects of their development are supported. Curiosity, persistence, and creativity are promoted. Children develop strong problem-solving, decision-making, and social skills in addition to their academic skills.

We offer low child-to-teacher ratios in our classrooms, with an additional Floating Teacher and a Recreational Therapist on staff. We love spending time outdoors on our expansive playground with its winding nature trails and learning logs. We have a school-wide library program, and incorporate music and movement activities into our daily classroom routines. As an inclusion preschool, we also partner with Playworks Therapy to provide reduced cost Speech, Language, Physical and Occupational Therapy services on site. We are a participating provider for both the VA-ECC state subsidy and Child Care Aware military subsidy programs.

Faith Lutheran Preschool

flcva.org/preschool

3313 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201
703-525-1375
preschool@flcva.org



Director: Carrie Field

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:45 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 12:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: 2025-2026 Tuition Rates:

2s: \$430/month

3s: \$450/month for 3-days, \$540/month for 4-days

4/5s: \$540/month for 4-days, \$670/month for 5-days

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Wed, Dec 17, 2026 10:00 am
Wed, Jan 14, 2026 10:00 am

Registration Information: Applications available in December and due January 31, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Reggio Emilia Inspired

First Baptist Church of Clarendon

Child Development Center

cdcarlington.org

1306 N. Highland St.
Arlington, VA 22201
703-217-2543
bonnie@cdcarlington.org



Director: Bonnie L. Czekanski

Age Range of Students: 4 months – 5/6 years (Jr. K); Day and Summer Camp for children for K-4th on most days Arlington Public Schools are closed.

School Hours: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with 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.

Tuition: Full-day, year-round programming.

Current Tuition

Infants and Toddlers: \$2,529/month

Young Preschoolers: \$2,142/month

Middle Preschoolers: \$2,142/month

PreK: \$2,192/month

Jr. K: \$2,192/month

Lunch and snacks, prepared in-house, are included and alternatives are available. Other fees (registration, deposit, annual fees) vary by the department in which the child is enrolled.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes

Dates TBD ~ check website ~ www.cdcarlington.org

In-person and virtual tours can be scheduled at your convenience. Contact Bonnie at 703-522-6477 (landline)/703-217-2543 (mobile) or bonnie@cdcarlington.org

Registration Information: Rolling/on-going enrollment

School Goals/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. At the FBCC CDC there is a place for everyone, there is space for everyone, and there is grace for everyone.

Other Information:

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. Nature Discovery is an environmental education/nature based program offered weekly at the FBCC CDC.

During the 2025-2026 care and early learning year the FBCC CDC is piloting dual language (Spanish) programming.

Extra-Curricular opportunities in gymnastics with Power Tots and dance/ballet with the Virginia Dance Conservatory.

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.

First Baptist Weekday Preschool

fbca-wcm.org/preschool

2932 King St.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-684-3733
kjordan@fbcaalexandria.org; akelly@fbcaalexandria.org

Director: Karie Jordan



Age Range of Students: 1 year – 5 years

School Hours: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 9:00 am – 10:00 am; 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Enrollment for children with special needs is considered on an individual basis and is dependent on the specific needs of the child and the resources available.

Tuition: 2025-2026 rates range from \$550 – \$665. The 2026-2027 school year rates have yet to be approved.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Contact the director for details.

Registration Information: January & February 2026

School Goals/Philosophy:

At the preschool, lessons and activities are designed around children's individual differences and learning styles. Within a structured framework, children have the freedom to explore and learn through play and meaningful interactions with teachers and peers. Teachers guide learning by providing developmentally appropriate activities in large groups, small groups, and learning centers, all connected to a specific unit of study. These hands-on opportunities allow each child to grow mentally, physically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally at his or her own pace. In addition, children are given opportunities to learn about God, Jesus, the Bible, church, family, nature, self, and others, and to participate in age-appropriate experiences that nurture both faith and learning.

Other Information:

Each child has the opportunity to: Investigate and be curious about the world God created; Learn to reason, make choices, think, talk, and communicate; Enjoy reading and writing, sparked by his or her natural curiosity to learn; Discover and use basic mathematical concepts and skills in everyday life; Participate in art and music activities with creativity and joy; Begin to learn and remember Bible thoughts and verses; Experience the truth of God's Word in meaningful ways.

Fort Hunt Preschool

forthuntpreschool.com

1909 Windmill Ln.
Alexandria, VA 22307
703-768-7584
director@forthuntpreschool.com



Director: Jen-Marie Cavaliere

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:15 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Case-by-case

Tuition: 2-day 2s: \$365/month
3-day 3s: \$475/month
5-day 4s: \$725/month

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Sat, Jan 24, 2026 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration Information: Enrollement application will begin being accepted January 17, 2026.

School Goals/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. We have classes for two, three and four year old children in a natural, historic setting on Mason Hill, just 3 miles South of Old Town Alexandria.

Full Circle Montessori School

fullcirclemontessori.com

870 S. Greenbrier St. #102
Arlington, VA 22204
703-243-8282
cyang@fullcirclemontessori.com



Director: Christie Yang

Age Range of Students: 15 months – 14 years

School Hours: 8:15 am – 3:45 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: Young Children's Community (15 months – 3 years)

Morning (M-F, 8:15am-12:30pm): \$15,450

Full Day (M-F, 8:15am-3:15pm): \$23,190

Primary (3 – 6 years)

Morning (M-F, 8:20am-12:30pm): \$15,660

Full Day (M-Th, 8:20am -3:30pm + F, 8:20am -12:30pm): \$19,980

*Friday Primary Afterschool Club (12:30-3:30pm): \$2,220

2026-2027 Open House: Yes

Mon, Nov 10, 2025: Young Children

Wed, Nov 19, 2025: Primary

Tues, Jan 13, 2026: School-Wide

Registration Information: Rolling admissions for young children community. January 15, 2026 application deadline for Primary and Elementary.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Authentic Montessori school instilling a love of learning and community serving 15 months -14 years.

Our mission:

- Prepare children for life while supporting parents with the ups and downs of parenthood.
- Foster a Montessori learning community that supports the development of the whole child emotionally, socially, intellectually, and physically.
- Cultivate a dynamic partnership among the Full Circle team, families, and the greater community.

We are committed to delivering a first class educational experience for children and families!

Other Information:

Our school is not just about enrollment! We are here to offer support to families (enrolled or not) in their parenting journey through our 1:1 Support, Parenting Classes, and Parent + Child Classes.

See our website for all of our offerings!

Grace Episcopal School

graceschoolalex.org

3601 Russell Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22305
703-549-5067
admissions@graceschoolalex.org

Director: Amanda Hungerford, Head of School
Mary Kate Holland, Director of Early Childhood Program



Age Range of Students: 3 years – Grade 5

School Hours: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (Preschool & Jr. K); 8:30 am – 3:10 pm (Grades K-5)

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:30 am – 8:30 am; 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: No

Tuition: Preschool & Jr. K: \$13,140
Extended Care pricing available online

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Tues, Nov 11, 2025 9:30-11:30 am

Registration Information: Application deadline is January 15, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

At Grace, we believe children learn best through play and encourage young minds to develop at their own pace. Our early childhood classrooms feature 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, games, dramatic play, and peer relationships. There is a strong focus on social-emotional development. We strive to help our students learn about and regulate their emotions, with the ultimate goal of establishing positive connections with peers and adults. 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.

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. Afterschool clubs are offered seasonally. Students receive speech, vision, hearing, and occupational therapy screenings.

Hopkins House Preschool Academy

hopkinshouse.org/programs

1224 Princess St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
571-480-4088
jthomas@hopkinshouse.org



Director: Dr. Justin Thomas

Age Range of Students: 6 weeks – 5 years

School Hours: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: Please contact Hopkins House for tuition cost.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Please contact Hopkins House for open house dates and times.

Registration Information: Registration is year round

School Goals/Philosophy:

The mission of Hopkins House is to provide high quality, high impact educational programs and learning opportunities to children, youth, and their families, regardless of income, to help them achieve, in measurably effective ways, their full intellectual, economic, and social potential.

Other Information:

Founded in 1939, Hopkins House is a nonprofit learning center for children, youth, and families, named in memory of Dr. J. Milton Hopkins, an African American physician who practiced in Alexandria, Virginia until his death at the age of 52 in 1927. Graduates of Hopkins House programs include a former Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Circuit Court Judge, Army General, Hollywood musician, and other achievers.

Immanuel Lutheran School

ilsalexandria.org

1801 Russell Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-549-0155
admissions@immanuelalexandria.org

Director: Joshua Pautz

IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Age Range of Students: 4 years – 13 years (Jr. Kindergarten – Grade 8)

School Hours: 8:15 am – 3:20 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:30 am – 8:00 am; 3:20 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes. ILS is situated on a 3-acre campus with multiple playgrounds and outdoor play spaces.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: Tuition Information can be found on the ILS website.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Fri, Nov 14, 2025 9:00-10:30 am
Sat, Nov 15, 2025 - 9:00-10:30 am
Fri, Jan 9, 2026 9:00-10:30 am

Registration Information: First-round admissions deadline is January 17, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Immanuel students learn through a wholistic curriculum built on God's Word and the classical intellectual traditions of the West. Our classical pedagogy emphasizes mastery of language through grammar, logic, and rhetoric, utilizing embodied learning such as chants, jingles, movement, crafts, and introductory pencil work. Students also receive daily exposure to the Scriptures, classical music, fine arts, and vigorous physical play.

Meeting House Cooperative Preschool



meetinghousepreschool.org

318 S. Royal Street (site address)
Alexandria, VA 22314

323 South Fairfax Street (mailing address)
Alexandria, VA 22314

703-549-8037
ahazzard@meetinghousepreschool.org

Director: Tania Ryan

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** For PreK: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (M, Tu, W, F)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: We are an inclusive preschool and can make reasonable accommodations for learning differences.

Tuition: 2025-2026 Tuition:

- 2-Day 2s: \$3,690
- 3-Day 2s: \$5,535
- 2-Day 3s: \$3,690
- 3-Day 3s: \$5,535
- 5-Day 3/4s: \$6,795
- 5-Day PreK: \$7,425
- Extended Day Tuition (PreK only)
- 2-Days: \$1,680
- 4-Days: \$3,360

2026-2027 Open House: No Call or email the office to schedule a private 30-minute tour with our director.

Registration Information: Applications are due January 30, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

The philosophy at Meeting House is that children learn through play. Teachers guide and prepare lessons, but the children are the ones who make the "learning" come alive.

Other Information:

We offer weekly yoga and movement, music, and Science Seed classes. Special assemblies are held four times a year. Students receive speech and language, occupational therapy, and vision screenings.

Messiah Child Enrichment Preschool

messiahcep.org

6215 Rolling Rd.
Springfield, VA 22152
703-569-3033
cepdirector@messiahumc.org

Director: Katie Polk



Age Range of Students: 22 months – PreK-4

School Hours: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 9:00 am – 10:00 am; 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, daily playground time

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: We work with parents to provide the best fit for your child.

Tuition: Rates published on website.

2026-2027 Open House: No

Registration Information: Registration is generally mid-February.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Messiah CEP is a play based part time Christian preschool with extended care options. We believe that children learn best through play and exploration. Our teachers use the Creative Curriculum to design a "hands on" daily learning experiences. We hold weekly music and science classes and attend Chapel monthly.

Other Information:

All staff are certified in CPR/First Aid. Children do not need to be potty trained until they are in our PreK 4 year old class.

Monarch Montessori School

themonarchmontessorischool.com

218 E. Monroe Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-225-9524
monarchmontessoridirector@gmail.com



Director: Dr. Charlotte Haynes

Age Range of Students: 6 weeks – 8 years

School Hours: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** School-age children: 3:00 pm – 5:30pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, children go outside twice a day.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes, on a case-by-case basis.

Tuition: Infants: \$2,100/month
Toddlers: \$2,070/month
Primary (Ages 3-6): \$1,750/month
Extended Day: \$150/week
Potty-training Fee: \$250/month
Back-up Care: \$22/hour

2026-2027 Open House: Yes

Registration Information: Enrollement is on a rolling basis throughout the year.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Every school that you encounter will have its own education philosophy. Monarch Montessori's philosophy centers around the principle of individualism. Students perceive themselves as capable of making their own choices, while in constant relationship with other students and guides in the classroom. At Monarch Montessori School, children learn in multi-age settings. Cooperation plays an integral role in the classroom. Students are encouraged to work together, problem-solve and form lasting friendships. Guides aim to understand each child's individual social, emotional and academic needs and craft an educational experience based on what they've observed.

Other Information:

CURRENT OPENINGS (as of 9/23/25):

Infants: 3 full-time spots available. 2 part-time spots available.

Young Toddlers: 3 full-time spots available.

Toddlers: 4 full-time spots available.

Primary: 4 full-time spots available. 1 part-time spots available.

K-1: 5 full-time spots available. 2 part-time spots available.

SCHEDULES: At Monarch Montessori School we offer 2 schedules. Full-time enrollment is considered 5 days per week with drop-off starting at 8:00 am and pick up at 5:30 pm. Half-time/part-time enrollment is 3 to 4 or consecutive days per week with drop off at 8:00 am and pick up at 12:00 pm.

Montessori School of Alexandria

montessorischoolofalexandria.com

6300 Florence Ln.
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-960-3498
msa@montessorischoolofalexandria.com



The Montessori School of Alexandria

Creating Lifelong Learners Since 1970

Director: Cathy Kalkus

Age Range of Students: 3 years – 12 years

School Hours: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (Preschool); 8:30 am – 3:30 pm (K & Elementary)

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:30 am – 8:00 am; 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: On a case by case basis

Tuition: Ages 3-5: \$15,680
K: \$16,800

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Sat, Nov 15, 2025 9:30-11:30 am

Registration Information: Now, with applications suggested to be in place by January.

School Goals/Philosophy:

To be the foundation for a peaceful community of socially responsible, independent thinkers and self-motivated lifelong learners.

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Preschool

mvpconline.org/preschool

2001 Sherwood Hall Ln.
Alexandria, VA 22306
703-765-7867
mvpcpreschool@gmail.com

Director: Tara Macbeth



Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Preschool); 9:00am – 1:00 pm (Jr. K)

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 8:00 am – 9:00 am; 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.
Flexible schedule allows for partial days/hours.

Outdoor Space and/or Time: We have a large, shady playground and two dedicated outdoor learning spaces. Our children enjoy time outside every day for play and eating lunch, but also for art projects and hands-on learning experiences.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: We strive to meet the needs of all children and encourage families to reach out so we can discuss whether our program is the right fit for their child's developmental needs.

Tuition: Tuition varies by program, ranging from \$280 to \$630 monthly. Current tuition information is posted on our website: <https://mvpconline.org/Preschool>

2026-2027 Open House: No Private tours available, scheduled at a time that works best for you.

Registration Information: Registration opens on January 15, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

At MVPC Preschool, we offer a developmentally appropriate, research-based curriculum where concepts and ideas are woven into daily activities and play. Grounded in Christian values, our caring teachers model kindness, compassion, and respect as they foster each child's social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual growth. We value strong relationships with our students and their families, working together to create a joyful, inclusive preschool community. As active participants in their own learning, our students enjoy engaging, creative experiences that nurture curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning.

The Nest Academy

thenestacademy.com

2609 Mount Vernon Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-549-1549
admin@thenestacademy.com



Director: Nikki Donnel

Age Range of Students: Infant – 5 years

School Hours: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Depends on cases that we can manage.

Tuition: Please call to learn about it.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Fri, Jan 16, 2026 3:00-5:00pm
Fri, Feb 20, 2026 3:00-5:00pm

Registration Information: All year long as space is available.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Our Philosophy: Building Future Leaders! The Nest Academy's philosophy is based on Erikson's ideas about socio-emotional development as well as on Piaget's theory that children learn by doing/experimenting. It is what we do with children before we present the "basics" of formal education that will create success or failure for them as they learn. Young children generate new understanding of the world around them and gather information to augment what they know already by getting involved and interacting with their environment.

Our Goal: Help & lead children to develop physically, emotionally and cognitively.

Other Information:

We are accredited and serve subsidies. Example: CCAoA

Northeast Stars Montessori

nestars.net

697 N. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-945-0408
northeaststarsmontessori.nes@gmail.com



Director: Chynna Jenkins

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: We walk to the park 2 blocks away and go outside every morning for 1 hour and every afternoon during extended day for as much time as possible but at least 1 hour.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: n/a

Tuition: Tuition fees are based on the child's age and schedule selected. Rates range from \$703.50 to \$1,662.15. See our website nestars.net for a complete tuition fee schedule.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes In-person and virtual tours offered daily.

Registration Information: Rolling admissions, with tour sign-up available at nestars.net.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Northeast Stars Montessori Preschools are distinct in being a professionally run preschool with an eye to individualized attention. The "every child is the same" technique does not apply within NES walls. NES prides itself on its ability to adapt to changing times, and it shows in how teachers and staff respond to parents and children. Every child is a learner unto himself, and NES teachers are confident in their ability to engage each child successfully.

Other Information:

We have 20 years of experience with three locations (Washington, DC, Alexandria, VA, Nashville, TN), and multiple Montessori-certified teachers and training programs within our STARS Montessori & Educational Group. We offer the most flexible preschool options to build your personalized preschool package to meet your family's needs. We have 9-month or 12-month school year options; 5-day, 3-day or 2-day options with traditional school day schedules or an extended day schedule; meal options; drop-in care for those on the 3- or 2-day schedules; drop-in extended care (use only on the days you need it); and afternoon play time for those only wanting a little socialization for your little one.

Our teaching staff are highly qualified, highly paid, and backed and trained by our nationally certified in-house Montessori Trainer and Consultant. Our teachers receive continual training both inside their classrooms and in our on-site training room.

We have an established Montessori curriculum that not only focuses on the academic but also focuses on the individual child and their needs, as well as cooperative and group play. Our Montessori-based curriculum reinforces that everything is related, showing the connection of topics across the five Montessori learning areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Practical Life, Sensorial, and Geography/Culture. Our curriculum is available in book form for all parents, so they may follow along

with our daily activities. Our Montessori and STEM teaching styles are based on the concept of child-led exploration, which includes question-based and hands-on learning, critical thinking, open-ended exploration, and applying self-initiative. We use the Kriyo app in order to keep parents up to date with daily activities, and allow easy communication between teachers and parents. We also have a Facebook and Instagram page that has daily activities for STEM and Montessori work at home. Our schools have a dedicated phone line for parents to speak directly to the director and teachers. We have associations and alliances with local physical, speech, occupational, and medical therapy medical groups.

Northeast Stars has a few remaining spaces for the 2025-2026 school year! Northeast Stars Montessori and Southern Stars Preschools (part of the STARS Montessori Group) are distinct in being professionally run preschools with an eye to individualized attention in a warm, friendly setting. Our beautiful, large Montessori classroom(s) feature the smallest amount of preschool students while still having the same number of professionals per child.

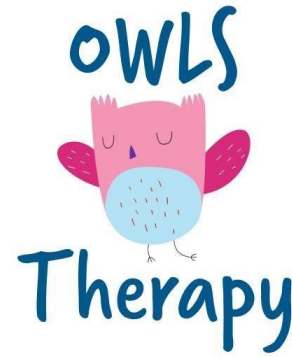
OWLS Therapy

owlstherapy.com

We provide all of our speech, language, feeding, and dyslexia services in your home, private school, daycare, or preschool!

703-470-6957
info@owlstherapy.com

Director: Janene Besch



Age Range of Students: 18 months and up

School Hours: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: n/a

Outdoor Space and/or Time: n/a

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes!

Tuition: Therapy session price varies based on length of session.

2026-2027 Open House: No

Registration Information: Ongoing

School Goals/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.

Other Information:

OWLS Therapy is a pediatric speech, language, feeding, and dyslexia therapy practice serving children throughout 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 your home, private school, preschool, or daycare. We also provide preschool speech and language screenings. Contact us today!

Pinecrest School

pinecrestschool.org

7209 Quiet Cove
Annandale, VA 22003
703-354-3446
admissions@pinecrestschool.org



*This is community.
This is Pinecrest School.*

Director: Darren Holgate

Age Range of Students: Preschool – Grade 6

School Hours: Half-day: 8:30 am – 12:05 pm; Full-day: 8:30 am – 3:35 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 8:00 am – 8:30 am; Half-day: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Full-day: 3:35 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: Full-day: \$15,500
Half-day: \$7,740

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Sun, Nov 16, 2025 1:00-3:00 pm
Sat, Feb 21, 2026 10:00-1:00 pm
Sun, Mar 22, 2026 1:00-3:00 pm

Registration Information: Rolling admissions

School Goals/Philosophy:

Pinecrest School is committed to providing a positive social and emotional environment for student development. The school provides an atmosphere that bolsters self-confidence and equips its students with the cognitive skills necessary to undertake and succeed in rigorous academic pursuits throughout their lives. It strives to reinforce basic values such as honesty, integrity, respect for others, and an appreciation for diversity.

Family involvement in the Pinecrest educational experience, low student-teacher ratios, caring and committed teachers, and a cohesive school community combine with a rigorous educational program to foster the development in students of high self-esteem, independence, responsibility, and an eagerness to meet challenges. Our ability to meet the individual needs of children, in close consultation with their parents, enables each student to grow academically, socially, and emotionally at their own pace within a nurturing and supportive educational environment.

Plymouth Haven Christian Preschool

phcpreschool.org

8600 Plymouth Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22308
703-799-2217
preschool@plymouthhaven.org



Director: Leigh Pond

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:15 am – 12:15 pm (until 1:15 pm for PreK and 2:15 pm for K)

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: On a case-by-case basis

Tuition: PreK (9:15am-1:15pm, 5 days/week): \$625/month
5 days/week, 2 year olds: \$620/month
5 days/week, 3-5 year olds: \$355/month
3 days/week: \$355/month
2 days/week: \$275/month
K (9:15am-2:15pm, 5 days/week): \$1,000/month
*Sibling discount: 10% for second child registered

2026-2027 Open House: No Contact us any time to schedule a tour; we have an open-door policy.

Registration Information: In-house registration opens January 5, 2026. Community registration opens January 16, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Plymouth Haven Christian Preschool recognizes that each child is unique and nurtures the early years by providing a balanced and well-planned program. PHCP accomplishes this through implementing a curriculum of age-appropriate experiences supported by early childhood education for the development of the whole child. Our goal is to nurture the development of the whole child by focusing on the emotional, social, physical, cognitive, and spiritual growth. This included by providing varied and meaningful activities to aid in the positive development of the total child based on the child's needs, interests, and abilities.

Potomac Crescent Waldorf School

potomacwaldorf.org

424 N. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-486-1309
admissions@potomacwaldorf.org

Director: Kensei H. Phillips



Age Range of Students: 3 years – 11 years

School Hours: 7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:30 am – 8:30 am; 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: No

Tuition: 3-Day Preschool: \$10,930
5-Day Preschool & Kindergarten: \$17,098

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Sat, Nov 22, 2025 9:30-11:00 am
Sat, Jan 10, 2026 9:30-11:00 am
School tours are held monthly.

Registration Information: Application deadline is January 14, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

We are dedicated to creating an environment where students can thrive academically and personally. Our commitment to whole child development, integration of the arts, and nature based learning sets us apart, ensuring that students are well-prepared for their future endeavors.

Saint Clement Episcopal School

saintclement.org/preschool

1701 N. Quaker Ln.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-998-8795
jenny@saintclement.org

Director: Jenny Darlington



Age Range of Students: 2.5 years – 5 years

School Hours: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 8:00 am – 12:30 pm; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm;
8:00 am – 5:30 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: No

Tuition: 8:00am-12:30pm: \$988/month
8:00am-4:00pm: \$1560/month
8:00am-5:30pm: \$1742/month
All programs are 5 days/week

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Tues, Dec 9, 2025 9:00am
Thurs, Jan 22, 2026 9:00am
Thurs, Jan 22, 2026 5:30pm (children welcome!)

Registration Information: December 9, 2025 to February 27, 2026

School Goals/Philosophy:

Fred Rogers famously said that “play is serious learning”. At Saint Clement, the children are engaged and having fun throughout the day, so they are not even aware of all the learning that’s occurring as they play. The core tenet of the Saint Clement preschool program is love. The teachers love what they do, the children love school and develop a love of learning. Saint Clement strives to build a strong community where the children, families, and staff feel supported and valued. We strive to prepare confident, well-equipped children with the skills to transition smoothly to future settings.

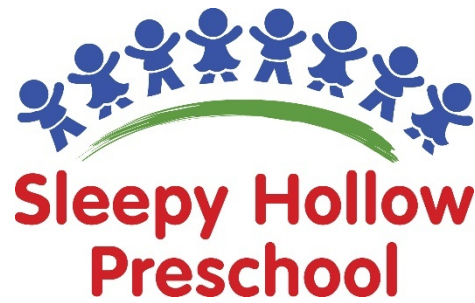
Other Information:

Children at Saint Clement look forward to various enrichment classes each week! We all come together for a Chapel service on Wednesdays and classes meet for Songs and Stories class, Social Emotional Learning class, and Ready Set Gymnastics each week.

Sleepy Hollow Preschool

sleepyhollowpreschool.org

6531 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA 22003
703-941-9791
info@sleepyhollowpreschool.org



Director: Ashley Gormley

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:10 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Children spend least a third of their school day outside on our huge, natural playground year-round, in every type of weather! 3-5 year olds enjoy regular "Forest Fridays," a day spent 100% outside, in the beautiful woods on our school grounds.

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: SHPS is an inclusive program.

Tuition: 2 year old program: \$2,840/year
3 year old program: \$3,850/year
4/5 year old program: \$4,560/year
Financial Aid is available.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Wed, Jan 21, 2026 9:30-11:30 am (snow date 1/28/26)

Registration Information: 2026-2027 applications accepted starting January 2026. Rolling admission.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Since 1949, children from all over northern Virginia have been learning through play at Sleepy Hollow Preschool. We are an inclusive, half day, private, non profit 501(C)(3), parent cooperative early childhood program serving children ages 2 to 5 years.

Children enjoy substantial time outside in all weather, playing on our natural playground or exploring the expansive grounds of the property. Our emergent curriculum fosters 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 honoring child-initiated learning. Children 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 take part in 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!

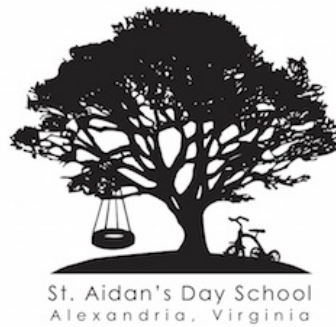
Other Information:

To request a tour, please email info@sleepyhollowpreschool.org or call (703) 941-9791. Visit sleepyhollowpreschool.org for a video of our program in action, a virtual tour, and much more! We welcome you to tour our school anytime!

St. Aidan's Day School

staidansdayschool.org

8531 Riverside Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22308
703-360-4160
director@staidansdayschool.org



Director: Lynda Dunne

Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Jr. K)

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: We have a large outdoor setting that includes a beautiful playground, wooded walking paths, two outdoor classrooms and an expansive front lawn. The children spend ample time outdoors exploring and engaging in nature-based activities during the day.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: St. Aidan's strives to meet the needs of all children. Families are encouraged to contact the school to discuss their child's developmental needs and ensure that our school is the right fit.

Tuition: 2025 - 2026 Tuition Rates
2-day classes: \$285/month
3-day classes: \$360/month
4-day classes: \$460/month
5-day classes: \$530/month
Jr. K: \$640/month

2026-2027 Open House: No Private tours offered with each family.

Registration Information: Wait-list opens November 14, 2025. In-house registration opens January 5, 2026. New family registration opens January 12, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

We place a strong emphasis on Social/Emotional Development and know that when a child feels safe, secure, self-confident and cared for, they are best able to learn. Optimal learning occurs when children actively participate in their education.

St. Aidan's provides a stimulating environment through hands-on, interactive, play-based activities, developmentally appropriate for young children. Our teachers create an environment that stimulates growth in all of the developmental areas (Social/Emotional, Gross and Fine-Motor, Communication and Cognitive Development). We pride ourselves on meeting children where they are and moving them forward at their own pace. Curriculum goals have been developed at each age level based on Virginia Early Learning and Development Standards and NAEYC guidelines for developmentally appropriate practice. In addition, the Pre-K and JK classes incorporate the "Learning Without Tears" handwriting program into their curriculum. The multi-sensory approach engages children through audio, visual and kinesthetic experiences. This program uses interactive tools to sharpen fine-motor development.

Other Information:

In addition to the classroom curriculum, students participate in chapel, movement, music, and library.

St. Luke's Day School

[stlukesdayschoolva.org](https://www.stlukesdayschoolva.org)

8009 Fort Hunt Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22308
703-765-6699
stlukesdayschoolva@gmail.com

Director: Gennifer Difilippo



Age Range of Students: 2.5 years – 6 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: We welcome children of all backgrounds and happily accept those we believe we can accommodate adequately.

Tuition: Visit: <https://www.stlukesdayschoolva.org/new-page>. This info is for the 2025-2026 school year, it'll be updated and posted on our website by December 2025 since we register in January.

2026-2027 Open House: No

Registration Information: Registration is in-person on Tuesday, January 14, 2026 at 8:00 am.

Other Information:

We offer weekly specials for all children: chapel, library time, Spanish, gardening, music, & movement. We also have optional afternoon enrichment classes that have included: cooking class, dance, gymnastics, sports sampler, Kids on Stage (acting class), Nature Explorers, Game Club, etc.

St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool

stpaulsalexandria.com/preschool

228 S. Pitt St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-548-6089
headofschool@stpaulsalexandria.com



Director: Kristin Teeters

Age Range of Students: 18 months – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 8:00 am – 9:00 am; Lunch Bunch: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: No

Tuition: 2025-2026 Tuition
Tods: \$9,200
2s: \$9340
3s and 4s: \$9,960
Activity Fee: \$150-\$200

2026-2027 Open House: No

Registration Information: Applications for 2026-2027 open October 1, 2025 and ongoing as space is available.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Our mission is to educate the hearts and minds of young people for lives of learning, leadership, and service. Our early childhood program is designed to engage the youngest learners to develop socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively through developmentally-appropriate practices rich in social connections, language literacy, math, and other disciplinary skills and content.

Other Information:

Tours are conducted throughout the year. Schedule a tour through our website:
<https://www.stpaulsalexandria.com/preschool/>

Transportation is available on our School Bus, which is also used for weekly field trips.

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School



sssas.org

400 Fontaine St.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-212-2705
ajones@sssas.org

Director: Katherine Carbo

Age Range of Students: 3 years – Grade 12

School Hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 7:00 am – 8:00 am; 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes!

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Lunch

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: \$43,025

2026-2027 Open House: No

Visit www.sssas.org to submit an online inquiry and schedule a group tour.

Registration Information: We have an admission process. Application deadline is January 15, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

As a mission-based coeducational, Episcopal day school for preschool to grade 12, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes seeks to enroll students of character with diverse interests, talents, and backgrounds.

Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool

tauxemont.org

7719 Fort Hunt Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22308
703-765-9266
membership@tauxemont.org



Director: Katie Stadler

Age Range of Students: 2.5 years – 6 years

School Hours: Morning class: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm; Afternoon class: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

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

Tuition: 2 days, 3 year olds: \$375/month
3 days, 3 year olds: \$475/month
4 days, 3/4-year-olds: \$625/month
4 days, 4-year-olds: \$625/month
5 days, 5-year-olds: \$725/month
The above prices and schedule are for the 2025-2026 school year.

2026-2027 Open House: Yes Sun, Jan 11, 2026 1:00-3:00 pm

Registration Information: Registration opens Monday, January 12, 2026.

School Goals/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 Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool fosters 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.

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 (Monday - Thursday) 3/4's, 12 students, 3.5- and young 4-year-olds, Downstairs Class: 1 - 4 pm
 - 4 Day (Monday - Thursday) 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
- * The above schedule is for the 2025-2026 school year.

Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool has been around for almost 80 years. 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/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 Alexandria

trinitypreschoolalexandria.com

2911 Cameron Mills Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-549-7422
preschool@trinityalexandria.org

Director: Claire Maucieri



Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 8:00am – 9:00 am; 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Case by case basis

Tuition: Tuition is paid monthly and rates are determined by a student's age and number of days they attend. 2025-2026 tuition rates:
2 year olds, 3 days: \$5,770; 5 days: \$8,870
3 year olds, 4 days: \$6,610; 5 days: \$7,780
4 year olds, 5 days: \$7,530
Extended AM (8am-9am): \$1,850; PM (12pm-4pm): \$8,200
Drop in rate \$20/hr

2026-2027 Open House: No Individual tours by appointment are scheduled during school hours.

Registration Information: January 2026

School Goals/Philosophy:

Our philosophy is 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. We subscribe to 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's goals include the following:

- Provide an environment that supports the growth of the whole child in developmentally appropriate ways.
- Help children learn respect for themselves, each other, and the world around them.
- Foster creativity, exploration, self-discipline, and a love of learning.

Other Information:

Features: Weekly newsletters documenting classroom activities and student progress; Flexible options for a longer day; Parent, school, and church sponsored community events throughout the year; Parent-teacher conferences twice a year; Licensed by Virginia Department of Education; Weekly Music & Movement Class; New Playground installed; Chapel time with Pastor Grace Han; Regularly scheduled in-house field trips; Professional development for staff; All teachers are CPR + First Aid certified

Two Birds

twobirdsinc.com

Two Birds Old Town
1737 King St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Two Birds Tysons
1900 Gallows Rd.
Vienna, VA 22182



Two Birds Arlington opening summer 2026

202-997-3632
welcome@twobirdsinc.com

Director: Kelly Barnebee

Age Range of Students: 6 weeks – 5 years

School Hours: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No

Outdoor Space and/or Time: The children visit Oswald Park

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch, Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs:

Tuition: Infant & Toddlers: \$2,695
Infant (3 days/week): \$1,780
Infant (4 days/week): \$2,290
Preschool: \$2,590
PreK: \$2,295

2026-2027 Open House: No In-person tours are scheduled following submission of a free application and participation in a virtual Information Session.

Registration Information: Rolling admissions; applications are accepted all year.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Two Birds is a Reggio-inspired school for children, Infants through Pre-K. Our all-inclusive approach to education supports the entire family through community. At Two Birds, children have the opportunity to explore the world around them while building knowledge through interactions with teachers, classmates, and open-ended materials. We implement this mission by building Two Birds around three core pillars: 1. Comprehensive Early Childhood Education 2. Professional Workspace for Parents 3. Engaging Extracurricular Classes for Children & Parents

Other Information:

Monthly tuition/membership fee includes weekend enrichment programming classes and parent co-working space. Diapers, wipes, nap items, all provided for no additional charge. Two Birds also accept families using the MYCCN and Childcare Aware subsidy assistance.

Valley Drive Preschool

valleydrive.com

3606 Seminary Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22304
703-519-3737
admin@valleydrive.com

Director: Cindy Hodgkins



Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** 8:30 am – 9:00 am; Lunch Bunch: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (a few day/week)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: We have an expansive outdoor playground, and prioritize time outdoors.

Co-Op: Yes

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Please contact admin@valleydrive.com to discuss your child's needs.

Tuition: 2 Year Old Class
2 days: \$3,670/year; 4 days: \$5,830/year
3 Year Old Class
3 days: \$4,830/year; 5 days: \$6,640/year
4/5 Year Old Class
4 days: \$5,830/year; 5 days: \$6,640/year

2026-2027 Open House: Yes February 2025. Check www.valleydrive.com, Facebook and/or Instagram pages for updates.

Registration Information: Rolling enrollment – you can schedule a tour with membership@valleydrive.com and register anytime throughout the year.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Our half-day, cooperative program offers a play-based curriculum that focuses on sensory exploration, music, movement, art, science, and discovery. We believe in child-centered learning and encourage our students to explore their interests and environment. We value the importance of time spent outdoors where children can play and learn in a natural setting.

Other Information:

Expansive outdoor space includes: enclosed large playground with sandbox, tire swing, climbing structure, mud kitchen and playhouses, eating areas, trike area, paths for nature walks.

What does it mean to be part of a co-op preschool? As a co-op member, you volunteer in your child's classroom once or twice a month. On your co-op day, you arrive at 8:30 am to help teachers set up and prepare special projects. During the morning, you assist teachers with projects, play with children, and read books. You also support children with self-help skills. After school, co-op members help clean up. Being part of a co-op connects participating families, forging lasting friendships and support networks.

Washington Street UMC Preschool

wsumc.com/preschool

109 S. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA
703-549-7931
preschool@wsumc.com

Director: Kloe Cella



Age Range of Students: 2 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:20 pm

Extended Care Availability: Yes **Ext. Care Hours:** Lunch Bunch: 12:30 - 2:00 pm (M/W for 3 – 5 years)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: We spend at least 45 minutes each day on our outdoor playground.

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: No

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Case-by-case basis

Tuition: 2025-2026 Tuition Rates:

2-Day Program: \$4,000/year or \$400/month

3-Day Program: \$5,400/year or \$540/month

5-Day Program: \$7,200/year or \$720/month

2026-2027 Open House: No

Email preschool@wsumc.com to schedule a private tour with our Director.

Registration Information: Enrollment applications accepted for the upcoming school year starting Sept. 2025. Priority is given to early applicants. 2026-2027 applications are due Mon, Feb. 23, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

At Washington Street Preschool, we offer a joyful, half-day program for children ages 2 to 5, where learning is driven by curiosity, creativity, and care. Our small class sizes, loving teachers, and sunny, spacious classrooms create a nurturing space where children feel safe to explore, play, and grow. Our play-based approach is guided by the Creative Curriculum goals and objectives, grounded in the power of play – especially dramatic play – to inspire big thinking, strong language skills, empathy, and real-world understanding.

Other Information:

Washington Street Preschool offers weekly music and movement classes, bi-weekly Science Seed classes, and a monthly chapel focused on “Learning to Live Lovingly.” To give children a wide range of experiences, we partner with community programs including a local nature center, aquarium, museum, magician, musicians, and even a chick-hatching project. Students also take walking field trips around Old Town, such as story time at the Queen Street Library and visits to the fire station and post office, helping them explore the world beyond the classroom.

At WSP we are grateful for our experienced, compassionate team of teachers, many of whom are former parents who have a deep love and understanding of our program. Teachers hold a Bachelor’s Degree, are CPR/First Aid Certified, and are required to pass both a national Criminal Record check and a Virginia Child Abuse and Neglect Registry check. Additionally, multiple staff are MAT trained and able to administer prescription medications.

Westminster Weekday Preschool

wpc-alex.org/preschool

2701 Cameron Mills Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-549-5267
preschooldirector@wpc-alex.org

Director: Carolyn Burke



Age Range of Students: 2.5 years – 5 years

School Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Extended Care Availability: No **Ext. Care Hours:** Lunch Bunch: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (for 3s & 4s)

Outdoor Space and/or Time: Yes, 1.5 hours daily

Co-Op: No

Meals Provided: Yes – Snack

Does the School Provide for Children with Special Needs: Yes

Tuition: 2-days: \$3,950/year
3-days: \$4,900/year
4-days: \$5,750/year
5-days: \$6,650/year

2026-2027 Open House: No We offer tours throughout the year.

Registration Information: February 13-24, 2026; Announcement date is February 27, 2026;
Commitment date by families is March 6, 2026.

School Goals/Philosophy:

Philosophy: Westminster Weekday Preschool's program is a developmental program that encourages children to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively at their 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.

Purpose and Scope: Westminster Weekday Preschool admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin, and children with special needs, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. As an integral part of the educational/formation ministry and community outreach of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the preschool celebrates traditional Christian holidays while also welcoming the opportunity to learn about other faith 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 their 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.

Other Information:

- WWP has been a well-loved preschool in the City of V1 Alexandria since 1975. The majority of the staff members have worked at WWP for 5-38 years! Our classes spend up to 90 minutes a day outside.
- WWP uses Conscious Discipline, a brain-science based, social-emotional intelligence program.
- WWP participates in many community service activities in which the children can be involved along with their families. We have weekly music classes, fun assemblies with outside guests, and gardening days to take care of our garden.
- We have a floater who helps in all classrooms, and an occupational therapist who provides weekly lessons incorporating fine and gross motor skills, mindfulness, sensory-integration, and self-control.
- 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!

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