

MOMS Club ® of Alexandria-Northeast Presents

The 17th Annual Preschool Fair

Thursday, October 25, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Alexandria Country Day School
2400 Russell Road
Alexandria, VA 22301



The Preschool Fair is a service provided to the community by the MOMS Club of Alexandria-Northeast, VA. MOMS Club® is an international nonprofit organization offering the invaluable resources of support, friendship, activities and local information to stay-at-home moms. Our chapter is devoted to fulfilling the motto of MOMS Club International: Moms Offering Moms Support and also playing a key role in supporting the local community. The Preschool Fair is our largest community service project and this is our 17th year orchestrating this volunteer run event. Thank you for attending.

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

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Participating Organizations

Agudas Achim Preschool [F]

Website:	http://www.agudasachim-va.org
Address:	2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director:	Jen Halpern
Phone Number:	703-998-6072
Email:	preschool@agudasachim-va.org
Age Range:	2 - 5 (Pre-K) years
School Times	9:00 am – 1:00 pm (core program)
Extended Care:	Yes – We are open 7:30 am – 5:30 pm M-TH, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm on Friday
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Dec. 11 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm and Dec. 12 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Registration:	Priority registration for congregants and current families begins Dec. 3, 2018; general registration begins Jan. 7, 2019.
Goals or Philosophy:	At Agudas Achim Preschool, we focus on the whole child, ensuring that all children are respected, supported, engaged, and challenged. Our program is developmentally appropriate, child-centered, and focuses on social-emotional development. Children learn early literacy, numeracy, and problem solving skills primarily through play and by interacting with their peers and teachers. With our flexible schedule, creative programming, and innovative approaches to teaching Jewish traditions and values, Agudas Achim Preschool is unique among early childhood programs in Northern Virginia.
Special Needs:	Acceptance is on a case-by-case basis.
Other Information:	One-time only, non-refundable \$75 fee is due with application. Agudas Achim Preschool is open to families of all faith traditions and levels of observance.

Alexandria Academy of Fine Arts and Science

Website:	www.alexacademy.com
Address:	425 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Becka Vactor
Phone Number:	703-447-0763
Email:	info.alexacademy@gmail.com
Age Range:	18 months through pre-K; 2+ for our enrichment classes
School Times	9:00 am – 1:00 pm (core program)
Extended Care:	Little One Academy meets Monday through Friday for 3 hours, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 12:00 pm
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Parents are encouraged to interview and tour the school facilities.
Registration:	Enrollment information and applications will be available on our website.
Goals or Philosophy:	At Little One Academy, we believe that every child is bright and ready to learn. We strive to be a welcoming place where children play and learn together. Through music and movement, language, arts, and story-time, we prepare your children for continued success in preschool and beyond. With our small student to teacher ratio, and many fun activities, children reach the benchmarks of personal, social, emotional, and cognitive development.
Special Needs:	Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to contact the director to determine if Little One Academy can provide the best experience for their children.
Other:	Music Together holds classes at Alexandria Academy

Alexandria City Public Schools - Early Childhood Special Education Services and Preschoolers Learning Together (PLT) Program

Website:	www.acps.k12.va.us/preschool
Address:	Jefferson-Houston School, 1501 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Jane Richardson, Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator
Phone Number:	703-578-8217
Age Range:	2.6 years – 4 years
School Times:	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or 11:20 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Posted on the ACPS website in March 2019.
Registration:	Screenings for the PLT Program will take place in April-May 2019. Application Criteria of PLT Program: Family is able to provide transportation for student to attend a half day class (8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or 11:20 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.) Monday through Friday; Children must be two years, six months to four-years-old by September 30; Children must pass a developmental screening and be observed by an ACPS preschool special education teacher; Children must be toilet trained; Preference given to children who live within the school boundaries of Jefferson-Houston, Charles Barrett, and the Early Childhood Center; and Preference given to children who have had no formal early childhood school experience.
Goals or Philosophy:	The Alexandria City Public Schools invites typically developing children to be included in the preschool classes for children with developmental delays/disabilities. Peer models from the community serve as role models for language, play, social and physical skills for preschoolers with special needs. In return, they receive a free developmental screening and a quality early childhood program taught by a teacher with a degree in early childhood special education and a qualified paraprofessional.
Special Needs:	No
Other Information:	Preschool classes follow the standard ACPS school calendar. A limited number of slots are available for each session at Jefferson-Houston and Charles Barrett Elementary Schools, as well as, the ACPS Early Childhood Center for the 2019-2020 school year. The program is open to children of Alexandria City residents.

Alexandria City Public Schools - Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)

Website:	http://acps.k12.va.us/vpi
Address:	ACPS Central Office - 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Michelle Smith-Howard, Coordinator, Citywide Early Childhood Programs
Phone Number:	703-619-8026
Age Range:	4 years old
School Times:	8:00 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Posted on the ACPS website in March 2019.
Registration:	Application criteria for VPI Program: child must be four years old by September 30; child must reside in the City of Alexandria. Most families qualify for the program based on their income, but other risk factors may also be considered. The following documents are required for registration: child's birth certificate, parent's ID, lease agreement, mortgage contract, or rent/mortgage receipt with address indicated, utility bill (water, gas, electric, cable, or landline phone) or personal property tax bill/receipt, physical examination dated within one year prior to date of entry into pre-k, immunization records documenting month, day and year each was administered, and income verification.

Goals or Philosophy: ACPS offers free pre-k to qualifying families through the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI). The purpose of VPI is to provide quality preschool programs for at-risk four year olds. VPI is a program designed for families who might not otherwise be able to access quality early childhood education opportunities. The VPI program offers certified teachers with degrees in early childhood education, a play-based curriculum with emphasis on facilitating language development, social skills, problem solving skills and physical development. Literacy, math, science, social studies, art, music and physical activities are incorporated into all aspects of the daily routine.

Special Needs: Yes, with IEP from Child Find

Other Information: Pre-k classes follow the standard ACPS school calendar. ACPS VPI programs are located at the Early Childhood Center, Jefferson-Houston, James K. Polk, and William Ramsay.

Alexandria Country Day School [F]

Website: www.acdsnet.org

Address: 2400 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Scott Baytosh, Head of School
Liz Hendrickson, Interim Director of Admission and Financial Aid

Phone Number: 703-837-1303

Age Range: Kindergarten through Grade 8 (Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old by September 30 to apply).

School Times: 8:10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Extended Care: 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Coop: No

Open House Dates: Thursday, October 18, 8:30 a.m. (K-8), Saturday, November 3, 9:00 a.m. (K-8), Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. (5 - 8), Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m. (K-4). Open Houses last for approximately 1½ hours and include a tour and remarks from and Q & A with the Head of School, Division Heads, and current Middle School students.

The Lower School Open House (Grades K-4) will begin with a brief presentation by our Head of School and Head of Lower School followed by the opportunity to meet with Lower School teachers and a tour of the school with current ACDS parents. Activities for children ages 3 and up will be provided.

We encourage you to attend an Open House, however if you cannot attend any of the above dates, we also offer Walk-In Wednesdays and individual tours. Admissions information and the application are available on our website.

Registration: Application deadline is January 18, 2019. Supplemental application materials are due by January 31, 2019.
Teacher recommendations(s) one for K-1
Transcripts, School Records
WPPSI IV (K-1)
Parent Interview
Student Visit
Admission decisions sent on March 1, 2019

Goals or Philosophy: At ACDS we 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

Special Needs: Through its Teaching and Learning Center (TLC), Alexandria Country Day School endeavors to meet its students' educational needs through enrichment and additional learning support.

Although not a school specifically designed for children with learning differences and/or ADHD, small class size and support provided by the TLC often make it possible for students with mild learning differences and/or ADHD to be academically successful. The School recommends that parents of a child with a learning difference and/or ADHD contact the Director of Admission to discuss whether their child's educational needs can be met by its program.

American Day School [F]

Website:	americandayschool.com
Address:	917 Princess Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Pilar Mackay
Phone Number:	703-837-0237
Email:	Americandayschool@verizon.net
Age Range:	6wks-5yrs
School Times:	7am-6pm
Extended Care:	Yes
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Contact admissions at admissions@americandayschool.com to schedule tours
Registration:	Application and Enrollment information can be found on our website: americandayschool.com
Goals or Philosophy:	American Day School provides a safe and nurturing environment where the child's natural desire to learn is stimulated through meaningful, age appropriate, and fun-filled learning experiences, that meet the needs of each child as an individual. We encourage learning and growth through play in an environment designed so that children can stretch their minds and have fun as they develop emotionally, physically, intellectually, and socially.
Other Information:	American Day School is a year-round full day program which includes an on-site outdoor playground, additional extracurricular activities and local library to visit!

Aquinas Montessori School – Old Town and Mount Vernon Campuses [F]

Website:	www.aquinasmontessorischool.com
Address:	Old Town (OT): 112 S. Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 Mount Vernon (MV): 8334 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309
Head of School:	David Futrell
Administrator:	OT: Anastasia Ivanis MV: Jean Gunderson
Phone number:	OT: 703- 684-7323 MV: 703-780-8484
Age Range:	OT: 3-6 years MV: 3-12 years
School Times:	8:30 am-12:00 pm (3 & 4 year olds), 8:30 am-3:00 pm (5-12 year olds)
Extended Care:	7:30-8:30 am; 12:00-6:00 pm
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	OT: Oct 16 (9:30-11 am), Nov 9 (9:30-11 am), Jan 12 (9:30-11 am), Mar 22 (9:30-11 am) for prospective parents. Tours and observations by appointment. MV: Oct 9 (7-8 pm), Nov 5 (7-8 pm), Dec 6 (7-8 pm), Jan 8 (7-8 pm), Feb 10 (1-3 pm), Mar 25 (7-8 pm), April 30 (7-8 pm). Tours and observations by appointment.
Registration:	1. Parent observation and/or tour (by appointment) 2. Submission of application and a \$150 nonrefundable application fee 3. Applicants for the upcoming school year will be scheduled for a first visit between January and February 4. Tuition Agreements will be mailed by March 1st.

Goals or Philosophy: To provide a nurturing, carefully planned, stimulating environment, where each child proceeds at his/her own pace to achieve their full potential and develop a love of learning. Accreditations by Association of Montessori Internationale (AMI)

Special Needs: Yes

Arlington Montessori House [F]

Website: www.arlingtonmontessori.com

Address: 3809 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201

Director: Mardee Wimmer

Phone Number: 703-524-2511

Age Range: 3-6

School Times: 8:30-12:00 (half day Primary); 8:30-3:00 (Kindergarten)

Extended Care: Early Care 8:00-8:30 am; Extended Day (3 & 4 year olds) 12:00-3:00pm; After Care 3:00-6:00pm

Coop: Yes - Parents volunteer 20 hours/year in a variety of ways to help foster our community.

Open House Dates: Oct. 17 from 6:30-7:30 pm – Reservation required/parents only.

Information Sessions: 10:00-11:00 am on Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Dec. 6 – Reservation required/parents only. Contact the office for more information.

Registration: Applications are accepted for enrollment year-round. To apply, please visit our website for information and application process.

Goals or Philosophy: We are a community committed to helping each of our children and families realize the full benefit of a complete Montessori experience that meets the needs of the whole child. We recognize that a partnership between home and school is a critical part of the successful development of children. We are a practicing community in which everyone is respected, valued, engaged and challenged. We hold an AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) certificate of recognition.

Special Needs: All children are considered on an individual basis.

Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool (AUCP)

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

Address: 4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204

Director: Susan Parker (703-892-3878)

Membership Contact: Allison Sinibaldi (membership@aucpva.org)

Phone number: 703-892-3878

Age Range: 4 months (6 weeks if an older sibling attends AUCP) to 5 years

School Times: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Extended Care: No

Coop: Yes

Open House Dates: Fall Tour Nov. 7 at 10 am. Open House Jan. 26 from 10-noon (snow date Jan. 27)

Registration: Admission is done by lottery. Applications are due on February 8, 2019. Please see https://aucpva.org/admission_info/ for more information.

Goals or Philosophy: Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool (AUCP) is a child-centered, play-based cooperative preschool with the mission of developing and encouraging social, intellectual, and physical development in the children entrusted to our care. We celebrate the individuality that is vital to your child's development, and we recognize the critical role that both educators and primary caregivers play in that development. Our program involves outdoor classrooms and has a nature emphasis.

Special Needs: We accept all children. Arrangements for special needs are made on an individual basis.

BASIS Independent Schools [F]

Website:	mclean.basisindependent.com
Address:	8000 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102
Head of School:	Ms. Tiffany Conroy
Phone Number:	703-854-1253
Age Range:	Age 2 – Grade 12
School Times:	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (PreK & K)
Extended Care:	Yes; 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM & 3:30-6:00 PM
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	November 3, 2018 January 12, 2019 March 23, 2019
Registration:	We have 2 admissions deadlines (Early Admissions Deadline: November 15, 2018 and Regular Admissions Deadline: January 25, 2019). For complete information on our admissions process, please visit our website.
Goals or Philosophy:	A key goal of our program is to inspire students to love learning from the beginning. We believe that fostering this love of learning as early as possible leads to future success inside and outside the classroom. Our students are exposed to a hands-on and comprehensive liberal arts and sciences curriculum, which also includes specialist instruction in music, visual arts, drama, movement, Mandarin and STEM/Engineering. We take a developmentally appropriate approach to address academic, social, and emotional growth and our unique two-teacher model in the classroom at all times allows our teachers to deliver developmentally appropriate lessons and guide students in making connections. This model also maintains an additional layer of support for all of our students, which increases student engagement and success. In addition to our teachers, our deans and directors provide support to our students and families to ensure each student feels confident in all aspects of our program.
Special Needs:	We will not have resources on campuses for many special needs, however we will work diligently and energetically with the parents to find their children the best outside resources and to make available space in the schools for tutorial sessions.
Other Information:	Lunch Program available; Clubs and Sports; Transportation throughout DC Metro Area available for Kindergarten and above.

Beverly Hills Church Preschool

Website:	http://bhcpnet.org/
Address:	3512 Old Dominion Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22305
Director:	Sheri Fry
Phone Number:	703-549-7441
Age Range:	2.5 - 5 years old
School Times:	9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Extended Care:	Lunch Bunch (12:15 to 1:15) offered and determined by demand and parent volunteers
Coop:	Yes
Open House Dates:	Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9 to 11 AM. The Snow Date is Saturday, January 19, 2019. No reservation is needed for our Open House. The Open House is for prospective parents to come learn about our program, tour our school, and meet teachers and parents. We have two school tours for parents only on November 14, 2018 and December 6, 2018, both from 10 to 11:30am. Our school tour is an opportunity to learn about our program and tour our classrooms while school is in session. We respectfully request that children, other than infants, do not attend the open house or school tours. Please call or email membership@bhcpnet.org to sign up for our tours as space is limited.

Registration:	Applicants can only pick up application packets at the open house or after a school tour. We will be accepting applications postmarked NO LATER THAN January 18, 2019. Students are admitted according to a lottery system drawn from completed applications (including application fees). Priority is given to church members, siblings of current and former students, alumni children, and children of staff. Our lottery will be held in late January.
Goals or Philosophy:	Reggio-Emilia, progressive education. We believe that all children possess a strong natural curiosity and a remarkable capacity to express and develop their unique understanding of how the world works. Their fundamental task is to make meaning of life's experiences; in short, to learn how the world works. Learning happens due to the complex interplay between the child, the environment, and those with whom he or she interacts. We believe that a child's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development is best supported in an atmosphere that is individualized, joyful, challenging, organized, and fluid. For this reason a spirit of discovery and purposeful, collaborative inquiry permeates our choice of learning materials, methods, activities, and the intentional preparation of the learning environment.
Special Needs:	Beverly Hills welcomes children of all abilities into its programs and believes that each child possesses a unique capacity to develop and learn in the context of his or her peers.
Other Information:	Parents must coop in the classroom, commit to performing maintenance work, and serve on one of our board committees.

Blessed Sacrament Early Childhood Center [F]

Website:	www.bssva.org
Address:	1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director:	Joelle Huston
Phone Number:	703-998-4170
Age Range:	3-5 (must be 3 by 9/30)
School Times:	8:45-11:45/1:30
Extended Care:	7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Oct 3, 2018; Nov 14, 2018; Jan 9, 2019; Feb 6, 2019; May 8, 2019 Attendees should arrive promptly at 9:00 am for this structured program. You will have an opportunity to meet the principal and ECC director, ask questions regarding our curriculum and school, and receive a tour of the school from students.
Registration:	January 15-17, 2019 (parishioners only) and January 22-23, 2019 (non-parishioners; first-come, first-serve basis)
Goals or Philosophy:	To create an educated community to serve Christ and one another with integrity and respect.
Special Needs:	Case by case basis
Other Information:	Part of the K-8 Blessed Sacrament School, access to all programs offered to the grade school such as full time nurse, foreign language classes, music, library, Gym, etc.

Bright Mind Preschool [F]

Website:	www.brightmindpreschool.com
Address:	322 N Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Shelby Brown /Cookie Balcha
Phone Number:	571-970-4075
Age Range:	2.5 years thru 5 years
School Times:	Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Coop:	No

Open House Dates: Families may also choose to attend an Open House by registering for one of the following dates:
 • November 2, 2018 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM • November 12, 2018 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM •
 December 1, 2018 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM • January 14, 2019 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Registration: NO WAITING LIST. Applications are accepted for enrollment year-round. To apply, please visit our website for information and application process. 32 students

Goals or Philosophy: Bright Mind Preschool is a Creative Curriculum inspired preschool located in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. Our preschool program offers the perfect backdrop for encouraging progress at a child's own pace, while introducing cognitive skills, social skills and language arts skills. Playbased preschool learning centers for math, science, dramatic play, writing & literacy, music, creative art and computers provide opportunities to balance and stimulate both shared and independent learning experiences.

The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that features exploration and discovery as a way of learning, enabling children to develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills.

We serve children from 2.5 - 5 years old. Our classes are divided into 3 rooms: Small Class Room Size • Preschool 1 (2 1/2 -3 year olds) 10 Children per classroom -2 Teachers • Preschool 2 (3-4 year olds) 10 Children per classroom - 2 Teachers • Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 year olds) 12 Children per classroom - 2 Teachers.

Special Needs: N/A

Other Information: All children are considered on an individual basis. We use Creative Curriculum with students.

Browne Academy [F]

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

Address: 5917 Telegraph Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310

Director: John Bonhom

Phone Number: 571-451-1001

Age Range: Preschool 3 - 8th Grade

School Times: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15pm (full day)/12:30 p.m. - half day, offered for preschool only

Morning Care: Yes (beginning at 7:00am)

Extended Care: Yes (until 6:00pm)

Coop: No

Open House Dates: November 2, 2018 at 9 a.m.; November 12, 2018 at 9 a.m.; December 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.; January 14, 2019 at 9 a.m.

Registration: admission@browneacademy.org; Application deadline is February 1, 2019

Goals or Philosophy: Browne Academy is a diverse independent day school committed to developing the whole child through extraordinary teaching, exceptional academic programs, and a nurturing community. We empower students to be critical thinkers, inspired innovators, engaged peers, and ethical leaders prepared with the confidence to thrive in a dynamic world. Our half-day and full-day preschool programs embrace our core values of excellence, diversity, character, and community. Our preschool program establishes a foundation for future academic success through small class size and individualized attention. Complementing our rigorous academic program are specialty classes in art, music, P.E., World Languages and technology classes.

Special Needs: No

Other Information: Browne Academy offers 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. extended day coverage; Summer Camp; Winter Break Camp; Spring Break Camp.

Burgundy Farm Country Day School [F]

Website:	http://www.burgundyfarm.org
Address:	3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria, VA 22303
Director:	Jeff Sindler, Head of School
Phone Number:	703-329-6968
Age Range:	Pre-K-8th grade
School Times:	8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
Extended Care:	Yes (7-8 a.m. and 3:15-6:00 p.m.)
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Friday, October 5, 2018 (9-11 AM); Monday, November 12, 2018 (9-11 AM); Saturday, December 1, 2018 (2-4 PM); Sunday, January 13, 2019 (2-4 PM) Please call to attend an Open House or to arrange a tour.
Registration:	Online application. \$75 application fee. Call or email to request an information packet.
Goals or Philosophy:	Burgundy Farm Country Day School believes that children learn best in an inclusive, creative, and nurturing environment that engages the whole child. Burgundy's innovative, hands-on approach to education cultivates independent thinking, promotes academic excellence, instills respect for diversity, and teaches responsibility for self, for others and for the natural world.
Special Needs:	No
Other Information:	Accredited by VAIS. Member of NAIS and AISGW.

Bush Hill Day School

Website:	http://bushhill.org/bush-hill-day-school
Address:	4916 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
Director:	Maureen Osler
Phone Number:	703-922-9185
Age Range:	2-5 years old
School Times:	9:00am – 12:00pm
Extended Care:	Optional Lunch Bunch held on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00pm, October – May; Optional Enrichment Programs for 4-year-old classes, <i>Books & Cooks</i> (4 weeks in November); <i>Fitness Fun</i> (4 weeks in January); and <i>Simply Science</i> (6 weeks in March - April); 1:00pm – 2:30pm.
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Tours of our preschool will be held in early January (1/8, 1/11, and 1/16). Childcare provided. Please call the Director, 703-922-9185, to register to attend.
Registration:	Registration of current in-house families will begin on January 7 th . Outside registration of new families will begin on January 31 st . Registration on January 31 st is from 7:00am – 8:30am or by appointment with the Director.
Goals or Philosophy:	Bush Hill Day School (BHDS) is a church-related preschool for children ages 2 through 5 with a learn through play approach to education. Our school is a supplement to the home and a place where the young child can feel cared for, protected, and secure. Our purpose is to help children discover the joy of learning and to establish positive foundations on which to build their lives. To help achieve this goal, BHDS provides a pleasant environment, limited enrollment, experienced teachers, a curriculum tailored to the developing interests and abilities of each child, and a wide range of resources for instruction.
Special Needs:	We strive to meet the needs of all children and their families at BHDS.
Other Information:	Classes are offered for 2, 3 and 4-year-old children, and for 4-year-olds who have turned 5 but have not enrolled in Kindergarten. Those 3- and 4-year-olds who have reached the appropriate birthday by September 30 of the current year are eligible to enroll. The cut-off birthday for 2-year-olds is June 30. Two-year-old children may attend two mornings; 2 1/2-year-olds may

attend two or three mornings; 3-year-old children may attend two or three mornings; and 4-year-olds may attend three or five mornings per week.

CommuniKids Language Immersion Preschool [F]

Website:	communicikids.com
Address:	115 Hillwood Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046
Director:	Wendy Aguilar
Phone Number:	703-534-2221
Age Range:	2 ½-5 years of age
School Times:	9am-3pm
Extended Care:	7am-9am 3pm-6pm
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	10/18/2018, 11/13/2018, 12/13/2018, 01/17/2019, 02/14/2019, 03/14/2019, 04/11/2019
Registration:	Applications and enrollment information for admission can be found online and should be returned to us no later than Friday, January 25. Applications will be accepted after that date as long as there are spots available.
Goals or Philosophy:	Our Mission at CommuniKids is to prepare young children to become the global citizens of tomorrow by creating a joyful, playful, and nurturing environment that immerses its students in a second language. Our program strives to instill the disposition, knowledge, and skills required to succeed in a highly interconnected world. Families choose Spanish, French or Mandarin.
Special Needs:	No
Other Information:	CommuniKids also offers weekly language classes, Afterschool programs with bus service from several elementary schools, and Summer Camps.

Congressional School [F]

Website:	www.congressionalschool.org
Address:	3229 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, VA 22042
Director:	Ms. Gretchen Herbst
Phone Number:	703-533-1064
Email:	gherbst@csov.org
Age Range:	6 weeks to 14 years old (Infants – 8 th grade)
School Times:	8:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Extended Care:	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	November 8 and January 15
Registration:	Admission process including application, teacher recommendations, student visit day and other supporting documents.

Admission Process:

1. Online application (Infant - Grade 8)
2. \$100 application fee (Infant - Grade 8)
3. Student visit day (Preschool - Grade 8)
4. Student transcripts (Preschool - Grade 8)
5. Teacher Recommendation Form (Preschool - Grade 8)
6. Parent Interview (Infant - Grade 8)
7. Standardized testing: SSAT or ISEE (Grades 5- 8)
 - The first step in the Admission process is to schedule a campus visit and then submit an online application. Once we have the online application we will schedule the student visit day.

Goals or Philosophy: Founded in 1939, Congressional School is a co-ed independent day school in the heart of Falls Church, VA. Dedicated to young learners—infants through eighth graders—Congressional School serves more than 320 students and 2,000 campers annually through its academic and summer programs. The school develops great thinkers and leaders by encouraging students to explore, embrace challenge, and grow through an innovative academic program—all in a diverse and inclusive community. Well-prepared for excellent secondary schools, Congressional School graduates have confidence, a sense of ethics, and the desire to continually and respectfully question, collaborate, create, and lead.

Other Information: After school activities, transportation, summer camp and more

The Del Ray Montessori School

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

Discovery Time Learning Center [F]

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

Emmanuel Preschool

Website:	www.emmanuelonhigh.org/preschool
Address:	1608 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301
Director:	Nicole Crochet
Phone Number:	703-683-0303
Email:	Director@epsonhigh.org
Age Range:	2 - 5 years
School Times:	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Lunchtime included; children bring lunch from home)
Extended Care:	EPS offers after school classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30; Independently run after school Fitness Class also offered throughout the year on M and Th from 12:30-1:30, for our older students. All after school classes are an additional fee.
Coop:	No
Open House Date:	No Open House. Tours Available November – January. Please call 703-683-0303 or email director@epsonhigh.org to schedule a tour.
Registration:	Applications are due by January 22. Lottery is on Wednesday, January 30. Families will be notified on Thursday, January 31.
Goals or Philosophy:	Emmanuel Preschool offers a play-based, developmentally appropriate and enriching education for pre-school aged children. We value the spirit of each individual child and provide a safe, nurturing and inviting environment where children can learn through play, explore their environment, take risks, and become inspired life-long thinkers and learners. We strive to present meaningful experiences for children where they feel confident, self-assured, and empowered to be a leader in their learning and develop a strong sense of self. This leadership enables children to develop crucial social skills, and not only learn academic skills but also be prepared for life and school.
Special Needs:	No

Fairlington Preschool

Website:	www.fairlingtonpreschool.org
Address:	3900 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director:	Carol Keller
Phone Number:	703-671-3939
Age Range:	2 - 5 years
School Times:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	Optional after school activities are offered during the Fall and Spring for 4's
Coop:	No, but parents are welcome in the classroom
Open House Dates:	Jan. 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Snow date is January 25, 2019
Registration:	Application form and fee of \$50 are accepted after January 14, 2019.
Mission:	Fairlington Preschool is an outreach ministry of Fairlington United Methodist Church. Children and families of all faiths and cultures are welcome here. In September, 2016, Resurrection Children's Center merged with Fairlington Preschool. The preschool is a family centered, inclusive community.

Our mission is: • To provide children the active learning experiences which facilitate social-emotional, cognitive and physical growth through the use of the developmentally appropriate HIGH/SCOPE curriculum. • To create inclusive classrooms where diversity is treasured and children with differing needs, abilities, and cultural backgrounds, learn and grow together. • To offer parents the opportunity to be active participants in the classroom, work as a team with teachers, and become effective, life-long advocates for their children. • To be a model for

inclusion and family centered education to families, teachers, and administrators in our community.

Special Needs: Yes, fully included in the program

Other Information: A certified therapeutic recreational therapist on the staff spends some time every day in classrooms setting up movement activities, working in small groups or one on one with children, helping children meet goals in the areas of fine and gross motor as well as the cognitive and social areas. She also sets up activities on the playground. There is also an extensive lending library and every week, children choose a book to borrow.

Also, an Occupational Therapist as well as a Speech/language Therapist is on the staff. Children may receive these services at the preschool for an additional fee. Teachers use sign language in the classrooms.

Faith Lutheran Preschool

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

Address: 3313 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201

Director: Carrie Field

Phone Number: 703-525-1375

Age Range: 2-5

School Times: 2s-Monday, Friday; 3s-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 4-5s-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Extended Care: Before school, 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. *3-5s only

Coop: No

Open House Dates: December 13th at 10am and January 17th at 10am

Registration: Annual application for admission and registration occur in January for the following school year. This year's application deadline is January 31st, 2019. Registration priority is given first to Faith Lutheran Church members, second to currently enrolled families, and third to alumni families. Admission is then open to the public by means of a lottery. Application forms will be available on our website in December.

Goals or Philosophy: Our mission is to empower each individual child to investigate his or her interests within a loving community of peers and adults through a play-based, child-directed program which encompasses both social and educational objectives. Our curriculum is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy of early childhood development. We provide a safe, playful environment where our children are free to discover, explore, question, and express their own experiences, predictions, and evaluations. Offering a variety of materials, tools, concepts, and equipment - including a new Outdoor Classroom - we help children to see alternatives, to problem solve, and to make their own decisions. We are committed to observe and listen, and then to react to and validate ideas with respect, imagination and tenderness. We have a vibrant parent community and communicate age-appropriate developmental goals to support the holistic education process outside the school walls. We welcome children of all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Special Needs: Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to contact the director in order to discuss a plan that will best serve the child's needs.

First Baptist Church Clarendon Child Development Center (FBCC CDC) [F]

Website:	www.cdcarlington.org
Address:	1306 N Highland Street, Arlington, VA 22201
Director:	Secethia Boardley-Davis
Phone Number:	703-522-6477
Age Range:	12 weeks – 5 years
School Times:	The FBCC CDC is open all year from 6:45 am until 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, with the exception of federal holidays.
Extended Care:	The FBCC CDC does offer Day/Summer camp for children in Kindergarten through grade 4 when Arlington County Schools are closed.
Coop:	No, though we welcome parental involvement.
Open House Dates:	Tours are given by appointment Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Contact Gabriela at enrollment@cdcarlington.org
Registration:	In nearly every case, placement on the established waiting list is necessary prior to admission. A Wait List Form should be completed and returned with a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 to be placed on the waiting list. Enrollment begins in the Spring for an upcoming September start date. Forms and information are listed on our website.
Goals or Philosophy:	The FBCC CDC is a non-profit ministry of the Church at Clarendon. The FBCC CDC operates to provide a quality Christian preschool education designed to meet the physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of children ages three months to five years. Through a collaborative framework, parents and teachers work together to create an inclusive, safe, and nurturing environment where all children will grow and thrive.
Special Needs:	Call to discuss.
Other Information:	The FBCC CDC is guided by the philosophy and principles of the High/Scope® Educational Approach to early childhood care and learning in the context of the Conscious Discipline®, a comprehensive social and emotional intelligence classroom management program that empowers both teachers and children based on current brain research, child development information and developmentally appropriate practices. The FBCC CDC also offers a Montessori program. The Montessori classroom seeks to provide each child with a structured environment in which she can freely develop. Our children enjoy Enrichment Programs such as Spanish, Chinese, Music, Christian Education, Library, Science Wonders, and Physical Education. Children are offered several Extra-Curricular programs which include PowerTots gymnastics, Adagio Ballet, and Computer classes. Similarly, we continue to develop our environmental education program offering children more intentional interactions with the natural world. Currently, we are transitioning our outdoor play space into a Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom.

First Baptist Church Weekday Preschool Ministry

Website:	http://www.fbcalexandria.org/wpm
Address:	2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director:	Eileen Lane and Teri Stewart
Phone Number:	703-684-3733
Email:	eileen@fbcalexandria.org ; teri@fbcalexandria.org
Age Range:	1-5 years
School Times:	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	Optional
Open House Dates:	Tours by Appointment. Call or e-mail Teri Stewart at teri@fbcalexandria.org
Registration:	Registration for the 2019-20 school year starts on Jan. 7, 2019. Initial registration is from January 7 th through 31 st .

Goals or Philosophy: The purpose of First Baptist Weekday Preschool Ministry is to provide developmentally appropriate learning and social experiences in a Christ-centered environment. All of the classes use a Bible-based curriculum designed to provide an early childhood program that supports the individuality of each child.

Fort Hunt Preschool

Website: www.forthuntpreschool.com
Address: 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA 22307
Director: Nancy Renner, fhpdirector@gmail.com
Phone Number: 703-768-7584
Admissions Chair: Emilie Zaborski, fhpadmissions@gmail.com
Age Range: 2.5-5 years (a limited number of spots may be available for children between the ages of 2 -2.5 yrs)
School Times: 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care: No; Extended day 1 hour Lunch Bunch offered twice a month for additional fee
Coop: Yes
Open House Dates: Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Registration: Open Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year will begin at the Open House on January 12, 2019. We will consider completed applications on a rolling basis in the order received. Once all open spots have been filled, we will maintain a wait list of applicants as necessary. Please see our website for more details on enrollment and our Admissions Policy. There is a \$50 application fee per student. Applications are available on our website, during tours, or at the Open House. Please contact our Admissions Chair to schedule a tour.

Goals or Philosophy: At Fort Hunt Preschool we believe that children learn best in a safe, nurturing environment, supported by a cooperative partnership of parents and teachers. FHP's approach to early childhood education draws on the strengths of a variety of educational philosophies to provide each child with developmentally appropriate opportunities for social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Through personal experience, discovery, and play (the "work" of childhood), we cultivate children's natural curiosity and foster respect for self, others, and the natural world. FHP's learn through play philosophy emerges as we interact with and respond to our natural environment. Children are encouraged to explore and experiment using a variety of materials and equipment, including our serene outdoor play and classroom areas.

Special Needs: Please call the director to discuss any special needs.

Other Information: Essential to our program is the teacher's role of listening to and talking with each child. To further develop the teacher-student relationship, our class sizes are small with a low adult to child ratio (1:4 in most of our classes). In addition, there is a weekly movement class for children in our 3s and 4s classes, as well as a number of field trips for our 4s class throughout the year.

German International School Washington D.C. [F]

Website: www.giswashington.org
Address: 8617 Chateau Drive, Potomac, MD 20854
Head of School: Petra Palenzatis
Phone Number: 301-767-3807
Age Range: PreK2 through Grade 12
School Times: 8:00 am – 1:30 pm or 8:00 – 3:00 pm
Extended Care: Yes, from 3:00 until 5:00 pm.
Coop: No

Open House Dates: Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, and Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 (PreSchool and Kindergarten) from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Registration: Applications are accepted year-round. Application and enrollment information can be found on our website: www.giswashington.org or you may contact us at admissions@giswashington.org.

Goals or Philosophy: The German International School Washington is a private, co-educational institution with more than 520 students from over 20 countries in preschool through 12th grade, set on a quiet campus in Potomac, MD. In our preschool, children aged 2 to 4 enjoy play-based learning with plenty of time outdoors. Teachers are native German speakers and speak German exclusively with the children. However, preschoolers do not need to have prior knowledge of German before enrolling. Preschool instruction is intimate, with a teacher-to-student ratio of one to six for two-year-olds and one to 10 for three- and four-year-olds. The daily routine is structured yet flexible. With teachers as their guides, children are encouraged to pursue activities of their choice and manage their own time. This fosters their self-discipline and confidence. We offer half-day and full-day enrollment options.

Other Information: Additional language classes offered for students whose first language is not German or English.

Grace Episcopal School [F]

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

Address: 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305

Head of School: Patricia R. Culbreth

Director of Admissions: Amanda Hungerford

Phone Number: 703-549-5067

Age Range: Preschool – Grade 5 (Children must be 3 years old by August 31st to be eligible)

School Times: Preschool-Junior Kindergarten, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kindergarten- Grade 5, 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Extended Care: Yes

Coop: No

Open House Dates: Nov. 12, 2018 and Jan. 16, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Reservations are not required. Also we have a preview event on April 11, 2019 from 9:30-10:30 am. **Other Tours:** Tour with Us Tuesdays at 9:15 am or schedule a private tour by contacting the Admissions Office.

Registration: **Application deadline:**
Preschool and Junior Kindergarten- Jan. 11, 2019 (rolling admission after)
Kindergarten- Grade 5- Feb. 1, 2019 (Acceptance letters mailed in early March)
Application process for Preschool: Parent tour (not required but recommended), application, teacher recommendation (when applicable), and a scheduled play date with parents in attendance.
Application process for Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten - Grade 5: Parent tour (not required but recommended), application, teacher recommendation, WPPSI or WISC test, and a scheduled classroom visit or playdate.

Goals or Philosophy: Founded in 1959, Grace Episcopal School provides an academically challenging and developmentally appropriate education for children in Preschool through Fifth Grade. Our strong academic program emphasizes the basic tools of learning: reading, writing, and mathematics. Students receive personal attention in small classes, and learn to be critical thinkers and successful problem solvers. The curriculum is varied - rich in music, literature, art, history, science, physical education, and spiritual development. Grace Episcopal School is a small school by design. Its size and educational philosophy enables the faculty and staff to develop fully the potential of each student – academically, socially, and morally – in a loving and nurturing environment. Our highly experienced teachers are committed to knowing each student individually, and their efforts extend beyond the classroom to our playgrounds and

playing fields, our stage, our enrichment programs, and service to the greater community. Grace Episcopal School educates the whole student - intellectually, physically, and spiritually.

Special Needs: No

Other Information: Accreditation: Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS); Affiliations: Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington (AISGW), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools Association (MAESA), Virginia Council for Private Education

Gymboree Play & Music School Skills Program

Website: <https://www.gymboreeclases.com/en/locations/VA/Alexandria/>

Address: 318 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304

Director: Wilma Hazen

Phone Number: 703-836-2277

Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Extended Care: No

Coop: No

Open House Dates: Call to schedule a free preview class

Registration: Open enrollment

Goals or Philosophy: We believe that children need to develop at their own pace through physical, cognitive and creative activities in a stimulating and playful environment, with the involvement of parents/caregivers. School Skills is a drop off program. Our curriculum was designed in conjunction with Zero to Three and focuses on the key skills to help prepare your child for school-physical, language, thinking skills, peer activities and group play.

Immanuel Lutheran School [F]

Website: www.ILSAlexandria.org

Address: 1801 Russell Road/109 Belleaire Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Ms. Julia Habrecht, Headmaster

Phone Number: 703-549-7323

Age Range: Starting at 4 years (Jr. Kindergarten through 8th grade)

School Times: 8:20 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for Jr. K, 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for Kindergarten

Extended Care: Yes (available before school starting at 7:00 a.m., and after school until 6:00 p.m.)

Coop: No

Open House Dates: October 11, 2018, 9 a.m.; November 8, 2018, 9 a.m.; January 10, 2019, 9 a.m.;

Walk-in-Wednesday Tours available each week at 10 a.m.

Registration: For our "Early Admission" deadline, the online application and non-refundable fee of \$95 is due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2019.

Goals or Philosophy: Training the next generation of classical thinkers. With an Alexandria heritage dating back to 1870, Immanuel Lutheran School inspires and nurtures students in grades Jr. Kindergarten- 8 through a classical, Christian education with a strong liberal arts curriculum. Immanuel's Jr. Kindergarten (Jr. K) features a fully integrated, classical curriculum that includes theology, language and early literacy development, math, science, history, music, art and physical education. Immanuel Lutheran School is fully accredited by the Consortium for Classical and Lutheran Education (CCLE), and also through the National Lutheran School Accreditation sponsored by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. ILS is also an active member of the Association of Classical & Christian Schools.

Special Needs: No

Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia [F]

Website: <http://WWW.JCCNV.org> and <http://www.bethelhebrew.org>
Address: 3830 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22304
Director: Dina Backer
Phone Number: 703-537-3084
Age Range: 16mo – 4 yrs
School Times: 7:30am- 6pm
Extended Care: included in 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Individual tours by appointment
Registration: Begins in January for new families
Goals or Philosophy: Reggio Emilia inspired philosophy
Special Needs: Case by case basis
Other information: We are a Jewish Preschool open to all members of the Community

Keshet Child Development Center

Website: www.keshetcdc.com
Address: 758 South 23rd Street, Arlington, VA 22202
Director: Ilisa St. Pierre
Phone Number: 703-535-5525
Email: preschool@keshetcdc.com
Age Range: Mommy & Me (12 – 24 months) Preschool (2-5 years old)
School Times: 9:15 – 1:15
Extended Care: Early drop of at 8:30, Extended day until 3:00
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Personal tours by appointment
Registration: Feb. 1– open to current families; Feb. 15– General Registration, on a first come first served basis.
Goals or Philosophy: Our goal is to increase our children's awareness of the world in which they live through a program that encourages social, emotional, educational, and physical development. Keshet's warm, friendly, and stimulating environment enables all of our children to feel comfortable, express themselves openly, and become valued members of the group. All of our activities are organized to meet the needs of the whole child and make the process of learning a positive and enjoyable experience. Emphasis is placed on instilling a love for and an understanding of our Jewish heritage, traditions, and values, while laying the foundation for a lifelong joy of learning.
Special Needs: We do accept children with special needs. We do not have a specific policy in place, but we will work with each family to the best of our ability to accommodate individual children.

Language and Academically Rich Center (LARC) [F]

Website: www.larcprogram.org
Address: 5000 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011
Director: Chithalina Coleman, M.Ed.
Phone Number: 202-722- 5555 x2422
Age Range: PK4/5 and Transitional K
School Times: 7:30-3:15pm
Extended Care: 3:15-6:00pm
Coop: No

Open House Dates: October 20th, November 10th, December 8th
Registration: Rolling Admissions
Goals or Philosophy: The Language and Academically Rich Center (LARC) is a Pre-K/ Transitional K program that provides a supportive learning environment that blends a focus on nurturing the development of social emotional skills, and academic and linguistic growth.
Special Needs: The LARC program serves students who are neuro-typical with no special needs and students with mild to moderate language delays.

Local Motion Project

Website: www.localmotionproject.org
Address: 2377 S Dove St., Alexandria, VA 22314
Executive and
Co-Artistic Director: Sara Lavan
COO and Co-Artistic
Director: Kylie Murray
Phone Number: 703-299-0017
Email: info@localmotionproject.org
Age Range: Classes/Events for ages 2 to older
Goals or Philosophy: Local Motion Project is a non-profit dance organization in Alexandria. Our mission is to bring meaningful experiences to people's lives through the art of dance and other innovative movement arts. We offer dance classes for children ages 2-12, workshops for kids and adults, birthday parties for ages 4 and older, as well as drop-in open play hours to keep your child active and engaged.

Meeting House Cooperative Preschool

Website: www.meetinghousepreschool.org
Site address: 318 S. Royal St., Alexandria, VA 22314
Mailing address: 323 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314
Director: Tania Ryan
Phone Number: 703-549-8037
Age Range: 24 months to 5 years
School Times: 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Extended Care: Lunch Bunch, Extended Day
Coop: Yes, 3 times a year.
Open House: January 9, 2019 from 9:30am-10:30am. Individual tours offered throughout the preschool year. Please call the office to schedule a tour.
Registration: Application on website. Admission is by lottery after current families are placed.
Goals or Philosophy: The MHCP provides an exceptional, developmentally appropriate education for preschoolers. It uses the emergent learning curriculum model as the basis for the children's program. This developmentally based curriculum accepts the children as active learners who learn through play. The adult guides the children through productive and meaningful play. It is through the adult guidance that the children develop independence and responsibility for their learning.
Special Needs: Yes, we can accommodate children with mild special needs. MHCP is one of the few preschools in the area that has a program for inclusion of children with mild learning disabilities.
Other Information: Music and movement classes weekly, special assemblies monthly, Science Seeds program, OT screening, speech and language screening, and vision screening.

Montessori School of Alexandria [F]

Website:	montessorischoolofalexandria.com
Address:	6300 Florence Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310
Director:	Corinne Salah
Phone Number:	703-960-3498
Age Range:	3-12
School Times:	9:00 – 12:00 (half day Early Childhood); 9:00 – 3:30 K; 8:30 – 3:30 Elementary
Extended Care:	7:30-9:00 and 12:00-6:00
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	November 14 and March 12 9:30-11:30; Observations and Tours by appointment beginning in October.
Registration:	Application can be found on our website, \$150 fee
Goals or Philosophy:	MSA follows the principles developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. She felt children excel when placed in an environment where they have developmentally appropriate materials and teachers to guide them to become self-motivated, independent individuals. Montessori's theories include: children are to be respected; children create themselves through purposeful activity. The most important years for learning are from birth to age six.
Special Needs:	All children are considered on an individual basis.
Other Information:	The fact that the Montessori beliefs include a respect for each child's individual uniqueness, and help each child reach his or her full potential are the main reasons parents and caregivers choose Montessori over any other childcare program.

Montessori School of Northern Virginia [F]

Website:	www.msnv.org
Address:	Valleybrook Campus (ages 2-6), 3433 Rose Lane, Falls Church, VA 22042 Hillbrook Campus (ages 3-12), 6820 Pacific Lane, Annandale, VA 22003
Director:	Kari Cafeo, Head of School
Phone Number:	Valleybrook Campus: 703-992-0255 Hillbrook Campus: 703-256-9577
Age Range:	2-12
School Times:	Valleybrook school day 8:45-3:05 (half day and extended day available) Hillbrook school day 9:00-3:20 (half day and extended day available)
Extended Care:	7:30-6:00
Coop:	Families are asked to contribute 20 hours per year (10 for single parent household)
Open House Dates:	Private tours available by appointment, weekdays at 9:15 & 10:30
Registration:	<u>Admission Process</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Campus tour2. Online application & \$100 application fee3. Parent classroom observation & interview4. Child visit5. Teacher recommendation & school records (ages 5-12)
Goals or Philosophy:	Dr. Maria Montessori recognized the limitless potential of children. She noted how their learning would take flight in an environment which met their specific needs and allowed them to learn by doing. Montessori observed the joy of children in discovering themselves and their world.

At the Montessori School of Northern Virginia (MSNV), we want this joy—the delight of discovery—to last a lifetime. By presenting a myriad of rich learning experiences based on the

enduring principles of Montessori, MSNV offers a well-rounded, dynamic and inspiring education for your child.

MSNV provides authentic Montessori education for children ages 2 through 12 at two campuses: Hillbrook in Annandale and Valleybrook in Falls Church. From Preprimary through Elementary, our learning environment is designed to directly benefit their social, emotional, physical and intellectual development. Our students achieve both academic and personal success.

Special Needs: We believe that a Montessori education can benefit students with a wide range of learning styles. The Montessori approach is especially welcome to parents of eager, motivated explorers of knowledge, but it can also serve any child whose needs can be met in a mixed-age classroom setting with reasonable accommodations.

Other Information: VAIS accreditation

Mount Olivet Preschool

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

Address: 1500 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207

Director: Michele Liberty

Phone Number: 703-527-5508

Email: mountolivetpreschool@verizon.net

Age Range: 3 months through age 5. All children are placed by their age as of September 30th. Children can attend beginning one day a week as infant/toddlers, one or two days as 2-year olds, two or three days as 3-year olds, three or five days as 4-year olds, and the 5-year olds (kindergarten-eligible) attend 5 days a week.

School Times: 9:20 a.m.– 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday (with a drop off window of 9:10 a.m. and a pick up window of 1:30 p.m.)

Extended Care: No

Coop: No

Open House Dates: There will be two scheduled Open Houses in February of 2019. (These dates will be added to the website later this fall.) Please call the preschool office for individual tours. We will do all we can to accommodate visiting the preschool and answering questions at any time.

Registration: For the 2019-2020 school year Open Registration will take place February 4th through 8th, 2019. Please visit our website anytime to complete the online Wait List form in order to be added to the current 2018-2019 Waiting Lists.

Goals or Philosophy: We believe that our developmental philosophy allows us to provide children in the community with stimulating experiences consistent with the best principles and purposes of early childhood education. We do this in a safe, loving, and Christian environment with qualified and experienced teachers and staff. Our low teacher/child ratios and our teaching team approach enable us to nurture each child as an individual. We strive to prepare all children for the next step in their preschool or elementary school experience and to provide them with the skills they need to live happily and cooperatively in the larger world outside the home. We work to ensure a close partnership with parents at all times.

Special Needs: We make every effort to meet the needs of any child, working closely with parents, teachers, and professionals, as necessary.

Other Information: We are a half-day preschool located in the Mount Olivet United Methodist Church. The school year begins mid-September through the first week of June. We do not have preschool classes in the summer months. A mid-morning snack is provided for the children by the preschool, parents pack their child's lunch. Mount Olivet is a Nut-free/Peanut-free preschool at all ages.

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Preschool

Website:	http://mvpconline.org/preschool
Address:	2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
Director:	Tara Macbeth
Phone Number:	703-765-7867
Email:	mvpcpreschool@gmail.com
Age Range:	2 to 5 years old
School Times:	9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday
Extended Care:	We have Lunch Bunch daily, from noon until 1 p.m. Additionally, four days a week we offer Enrichment Classes from 1 to 2pm.
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	January 16, 2019 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Families are also welcome to contact us to make an appointment for a tour.
Registration:	Registration for the 2019-20 school year opens January 16 th , 2019. The registration form is online at www.mvpconline.org/preschool
Goals or Philosophy:	At MVPC Preschool we follow a developmentally appropriate, theme-based curriculum, where concepts and ideas are integrated throughout our daily activities and play. Our caring teachers strive to foster the social, emotional, cognitive and spiritual growth of each child. As active participants in their own learning, our students enjoy engaging and creative activities in a positive learning environment.
Special Needs:	We strive to meet the needs of all children and we encourage families to contact us to discuss if our school can accommodate their child's needs.
Other Information:	Our curriculum is enhanced with weekly classes in music, library and yoga taught by our own specialist teachers. We are proud to have our own preschool library full of the best children's literature. Our spacious shady playground has a wonderful assortment of playground equipment and toys suited to furthering the development of our student's gross motor skills, social interaction, and for cooperative play. In addition to being a fabulous place for outdoor play and families to socialize after school, our well-equipped playground space enables our teachers to implement hands-on lessons in science, art, and so much more.

OWLS Therapy

Website:	www.owlstherapy.com
Address:	2776 S. Arlington Mill Drive #546, Arlington, VA 22206
Director:	Janene Besch, MA, CCC-SLP
Phone Number:	858-699-5638
Email:	janene@owlstherapy.com
Age Range:	2-17
School Times:	Therapy appointments offered Monday-Friday <i>at your home (or at your child's school with director permission)</i> . We come to you!
Goals or Philosophy:	OWLS Therapy is a speech and language therapy practice serving children in the Northern Virginia area. We are dedicated to helping your child's speech and communication skills develop and grow as we believe they are essential to their academic and social success. We offer comprehensive evaluations and devise individual therapy plans that best match your child's personal needs. We also offer all therapy in-home, provide parent and teacher training, offer classroom observations, and help with navigating school-based services.

We believe that by working together as a team, your child can reach their full potential. While it takes a village to raise a child, we believe it takes a strong rapport between the child, the parent,

and the clinician to reach success in therapy. We believe that knowledge is power and that together we can succeed.

- Special Needs:** OWLS Therapy is committed to meeting all of your child's speech and language needs. We currently offer in-home appointments for children ages 2-17 in the areas of: Apraxia/Oral Motor Speech Disorders, Articulation and Phonological Awareness Disorder, Auditory Processing Disorders, Aural Rehabilitation related to cochlear implants, Communication Disorders related to Autism/Asperger's, Executive Functioning/Higher Order Thinking Skills, Receptive and Expressive Language Disorders, Social/Pragmatic Communication Disorders, Stuttering, Voice and Resonance Disorders including cleft palate speech.
- Other Information:** OWLS Therapy uses the Lindamood Bell programs of LiPS, Seeing Stars, and Visualizing/Verbalizing to target: Dyslexia, Reading Comprehension Disorders, Writing/Spelling Disorders. We are also trained in PROMPT, Social Thinking, Beckman Oral Motor, DIR Floortime, Kaufman Speech to Language Protocol, Talk Tools, and LAMP. No one knows your child better than you do. We are here to help with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child's development.

Potomac Crescent Waldorf School [F]

- Website:** www.potomacwaldorf.org
- Address:** 3846 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
- Director:** Claire Tran
- Phone Number:** 703-486-1309
- Email:** information@potomacwaldorf.org
- Age Range:** Infant to Grade 5. We offer Parent-Infant/Toddler/Child classes one day per week; drop-off 3-day Nursery for 3-4s; drop-off 5-day Mixed-Age Kindergarten for 4-6s; Grades 1-5.
- School Times:** 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for Early Childhood drop-off programs. 8:30 – 3:00 for Grades, with half day on Thursdays.
- Early Bird:** 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- Afternoon Program:** 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Extended Care:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Coop:** No
- Open House Dates:** 11/3 and 1/26: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Scheduled tours are offered 1-2 times per month. Other admissions and parent education events are listed on our website. RSVP on our website.
- Registration:** Application due date is February 1, 2019. At other times children may be enrolled on a rolling basis as space permits.
- Goals or Philosophy:** Potomac Crescent Waldorf School is the only Waldorf school in Northern Virginia. We strive to teach the whole child—head, heart and hands—through a play-based morning for the nursery and kindergarten and experiential and arts-inclusive methods in the grades. Waldorf education trusts the wisdom of the human being and nurtures a sense of connection, support and responsibility within the community. Our educational goal is to foster the development of free-thinking individuals who respect fellow beings, revere nature, and have a lifelong love of learning. Committed to serve and reflect our locality of Northern Virginia near the District of Columbia, our faculty work collaboratively to allow the Waldorf approach to provide each child with a future-oriented education, in which lasting capacities and skills will serve the student for life.
- Other Information:** *Accreditations:* Potomac Crescent Waldorf School is fully accredited with the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America and is a member of the independent Waldorf schools of North America.
- Notes:** We hope to see you at any of our exciting events! Bring your whole family to our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 20th, our Open Houses on November 3rd and January 26th, and the Beech Tree

Puppet Show on January 12th. Potomac Crescent Waldorf School is conveniently located off of 395 in the education wing in Fairlington Presbyterian Church: 3846 King St., Alexandria, VA.

Sleepy Hollow Preschool

Website:	www.sleepyhollowpreschool.com
Address:	6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003
Director:	Debbie Brown
Phone Number:	703-941-9791
Age Range:	2 - 5 years
School Times:	9:10am - 12:00pm
Extended Care:	Several after school programs are offered that extend the day to 1:30pm or 2:00pm, including Discovery Bunch, Yoga, Dance, and Soccer
Coop:	Yes
Open House Dates:	January 23 and 24, 2019
Goals or Philosophy:	Sleepy Hollow Preschool has been nurturing the development of children in Northern Virginia for over sixty years! At Sleepy Hollow Preschool, we appreciate and respect the uniqueness of every child. We believe in identifying children's individual strengths, encouraging their interests, and meeting each child's particular needs. We encourage the development of positive self-esteem and self-discipline. We also encourage children to think for themselves, make decisions and trust themselves. We strive to create an emergent curriculum that enriches the lives of our children, families, staff and community. We learn through play!
Special Needs:	Yes

St. Aidan's Episcopal Day School

Website:	staidansdayschool.org
Address:	8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria, VA 22308
Director:	Suzanne Odom
Phone Number:	703-360-4160
Age Range:	2 year – 5 years (Junior Kindergarten)
School Times:	Junior Kindergarten 9-1pm, Core Day for Preschool is 9-12 noon
Extended Care:	Available until 2pm, along with afternoon enrichment classes
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Private tours available by calling the school at 703-360-4160
Registration:	Applications accepted beginning November 1, Registration in January after current families complete their registration
Goals or Philosophy:	St. Aidan's offers a loving environment in which children can grow, learn, and have fun. We believe the early years should be filled with hands-on learning about the world and lots of play in support of social-emotional development. We emphasize outdoor time in our private, tree-filled setting and provide lots of the 3 M's: Music, Movement, and Messy sensory play. Children participate in weekly music, chapel, and movement classes (supporting rhythm, balance, and coordination). We have our own library with a full-time librarian. Our 2 year-old and 3 year-old classes lay the foundation for learning. As children progress through our program, our 4 year-old pre-K classes emphasize kindergarten readiness skills while still allowing time for play and free exploration. Our Junior Kindergarten is designed for children who turn five before September 30 but would benefit from an additional year in a smaller setting building skills that are key to kindergarten success. The JK provides the gift of time to young 5 year-olds or children who will turn five by the end of December.
Special Needs:	No

St. Clement Episcopal School [F]

Website:	www.saintclement.org/preschool
Address:	1701 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director:	Dory Herman-Sample
Phone Number:	703-998-8795
Age Range:	2.5 (by Sept) - 5 years old (pre-K)
School Times:	8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., with extended care until 3:00 or 6:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	Yes
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	January 18.
Registration:	Telephone to arrange a personal tour between 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. M-Th. Registration is Feb. 5th. First come, first served; priority is given to church members, returning students, and siblings of students.
Goals or Philosophy:	St. Clement Episcopal School is dedicated to encouraging children's curiosity by active, hands on exploration, and to maintaining an atmosphere of love, joy and tolerance. We foster a community that supports both children and families, and engages the whole child. In addition to our daily activities, our children enjoy going to Music, Cooking, Chapel and Library every week. The school seeks to offer an engaging educational environment that promotes the development of children's spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, physical and artistic potential. All children are welcome, and all faith traditions are celebrated and honored. We also offer after school enrichment classes (movement or language).

St. Paul's Explorers Program - Old Town

Website:	www.spexplorers.org
Address:	228 South Pitt Street, 2 nd Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Corner of Duke & Pitt)
Director:	Rees Kirkorian
Phone Number:	703-549-3312 X32
Email:	spexplorerspreschool@stpaulsalexandria.com
Age Range:	18 months - 3 years
School Times:	Year-Round Schedule- Monday-Friday
Extended Care:	Lunch Bunch + Extended Day Program (up to 5 years)
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Private Tours by Appointment
Registration:	Open Enrollment- Fall-Winter-Spring-Summer Camp
Goals or Philosophy:	St. Paul's Explorers Preschool Program is a non-profit, creative play-based program for 18 months- 3's. We specialize in providing a safe, loving environment for your toddler to transition from home to school. We focus on offering our Explorers a consistent daily schedule; exposure to loving-dynamic educators; peer cooperation, a creative and age-appropriate curriculum with a global perspective that allows our students to explore their world!
Special Needs:	We strive to meet the needs of all students regardless of their differing abilities
Other Information:	Program Highlights- *Non-Profit Program *18 months + *Open Enrollment *Flexible Year- Round Schedules 2 days to 5 days per week *Creative-Play Based, Exploratory Program *Multilingual Staff *Global Perspective *After School Programs *Summer Camp *Intersession Camps * Email Mr. Rees to schedule a private tour and for enrollment information.

St. Paul's Nursery and Day School

Website:	http://www.stpaulsschoolalexandria.com/
Address:	228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Martha Scott Schafer
Phone Number:	703-549-1974
Age Range:	3 – 5 years
School Times:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	December 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Registration:	Call the school at 703-549-1974 for an Admissions Packet and Application or visit www.stpaulsschoolalexandria.com to download an Application.
Goals or Philosophy:	Our program encompasses a wide variety of activities and learning opportunities designed to meet the needs of each individual child. Our curriculum fosters all aspects of a child's emotional, physical, social and intellectual development. It features an integrated, hands-on approach to learning. We strive for a balance between the development of language skills, social skills and perceptual/motor skills with art, music, movement, dramatic play, science, cooking, field trips and experimentation. Our activity-oriented program in the Three and Four Year Old classes is flexible as well as challenging allowing for the individual differences in children this age. Social skills and language development are stressed. Children learn through planned play and teacher directed activities. Informal group readiness in math and language arts is begun in the Four Year Old Class. The K/ Fives program continues with more emphasis on reading, writing and math skills. Each class participates in simple chapel services once a week. Larger, all-school services occur four times a year. St. Paul's has its own library which houses over 3,000 books. Literary appreciation and the love of reading are important parts of our program. Each class meets with the librarian once a week. Our program also features weekly "Gatherings" of the entire school. We come together at the end of each week to recognize accomplishments, birthdays and to share simple class presentations and plays.
Special Needs:	No
Other Information:	Our school bus allows us to take many field trips and we offer neighborhood bus service to and from school.

St. Rita School

Website:	http://www.saintritaschool.org/
Address:	3801 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305
Director:	Caitlin Rockwell
Phone Number:	703-548-1888 ex 16
Age Range:	2 - 5 years
School Times:	8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Extended Care:	Lunch Bunch T/W/TH until 1:30pm
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	November 16, 2018 at 9:00am January 27, 2019 at 12 pm (following 11am Mass)
Registration:	The availability of space and the order of preference for admission are determined by the school according to the following general criteria: a) Children from the parish; b) Children from parishes without schools; c) Children from parishes with schools (for sufficient reason), d) Children from non-Catholic families.

Goals or Philosophy: Featuring the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Saint Rita Preschool is a wonderful introduction to both the social and academic world for our littlest students as well as a rich, varied environment designed to allow them to explore their Catholic Faith.

Other Information: Saint Rita Preschool offers a 2day option for two year olds, 3day option for three year olds and 5day option for 4-5 year olds.

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School [F]

Website: www.sssas.org

Address: 400 Fontaine Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Katherine Carbo, Director of Lower School Admission and Financial Aid

Phone Number: 703-212-2705

Age Range: Students in Junior Kindergarten will turn four by September 1st of their entering year.

School Times: 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Extended Care: Before care begins at 7:00 a.m. and after care ends at 6:00 p.m.

Coop: No

Open House Dates: Please call 703-212-2705 to schedule a Group Tour.

Registration: Enrollment information and applications are available on our website.

Goals or Philosophy: St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School is a college preparatory Episcopal Church School in the Diocese of Virginia that educates boys and girls from junior kindergarten through twelfth grade. Our mission begins with our youngest students, where the habits of the mind and heart are established. We emphasize thinking clearly, creatively and critically, expressing oneself effectively, acting in a responsible manner, and becoming a lifelong learner.

Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool

Website: www.tauxemont.org

Address: 7719 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Director: Barbara Bradley

Phone Number: 703-765-9266 (main)

Age Range: 2.5 - Kindergarten

School Times: 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Extended Care: No

Coop: Yes

Open House Dates: Jan. 13, 2019; School Tours: e-mail membership@tauxemont.org or call Cara Klonoski at (703) 380-2365 to schedule an appointment

Registration: Open Enrollment begins January 14, 2019

Goals or Philosophy: Our primary purpose is to provide a developmentally appropriate environment for a child to grow, play and experience. Our curriculum is nature based, as we follow the seasons for direction and inspiration. We blend several different approaches including Montessori, Reggio and High-Scope.

Special Needs: Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to contact the director to determine whether Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool can provide the best experience for their children.

Other Information: Tauxemont is state licensed and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, NAEYC.

Tippi Toes

Website:	www.TippiToesDC.com
Address:	- Del Ray: Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga - Clarendon: Saffron Dance - Various preschools and elementary schools
Director:	Claire Portolese
Phone Number:	202-527-9089
Age Range:	18M to 11Y
School Times:	Classes occur mostly mid-morning and afterschool depending on school and location preference
Extended Care:	We bring the dancing to your extended day program!
Open House Dates:	Free demos and class trials available!
Registration:	claire@tippitoesdance.com or www.TippiToesDC.com (click Enroll or view our schedule)
About:	Tippi Toes® is a mobile dance program dedicated to providing your children a dance studio experience in the convenience of their own school or a close location to your home. We teach ages 18M-11Y and are always looking for new preschools, schools, play groups, and public spaces to introduce our upbeat, fun program to boys and girls!
Goals or Philosophy:	To promote self-confidence and healthy living habits in children through the joy of dance and self-expression
Special Needs:	Yes
Other Information:	We Bring Dance to You! We teach over 45 preschools, playgroups, Co-op's, and afterschool programs in the Wash Metro Area. Our program is based on original music that incorporates imaginative concepts and dance terminology with a great beat for a fun, positive dance class experience meant to engage 2-5 year olds specifically. Our latest CD, On Top of the World, debuted on the Billboard Charts and is full of super fun dance music for the whole family! Find us on iTunes today!

Trinity Preschool

Website:	www.trinitypreschoolalexandria.com
Address:	2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22302
Head of School:	Renee Hoegberg
Education Coordinator:	Carla Giles
Office Manager:	Claire Maucieri
Phone:	703-549-7422
Email:	preschool@trinityalexandria.org
Age Range:	18 months – 5 years
Preschool:	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Jump Start:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Play Date with Friends:	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Enrichment Classes:	12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Spanish, Art Expression, Literacy, Music, Curious Kids (STEM) and Fun with Junk and Natural Materials. We welcome parent involvement through classroom reps and plenty of opportunities to be involved in school events.
Open House Dates:	Thursday, January 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, February 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Parents can schedule a tour at any time.
Registration:	Begins Thursday, January 17th
Goals or Philosophy:	We believe that each child is capable, engaged as a researcher, takes initiative, and represents knowledge in a variety of ways. We believe children learn best through play. We believe that through play, children grow physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually. We believe “curriculum” is everything that happens. We use The Creative Curriculum, which is

based on three aspects of early childhood education: (1) child development, (2) content knowledge and (3) a variety of instructional strategies. Our daily schedule includes large group activities, small group activities, individual plans, snack time, read-a-long time, chapel and school group time, music and movement time, and outdoor time. Our Interest areas include discovery, sand and water, literacy, toys and games, math, blocks, dramatic play, and fine arts. We accept children of all racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

UpCycle Creative Reuse Center

Website:	www.UpCycleCRC.org
Address:	1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Lexi Keogh
Phone Number:	703-861-8705
Age Range:	1.5 years+
School Times:	Materials Playgroups for ages 1.5-4 years meet on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10-11:30a. Tinker Time for ages 4+ is available on a drop-in basis on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30p and Saturdays from 10a-12p.
Registration:	http://www.upcyclecrc.org/materials-playgroup.html
Goals or Philosophy:	At UpCycle, we are inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to learning. Our collaborative work is guided by a shared vision that everyone, including the youngest child, has perspectives and ideas that can be revealed through exploratory experiences with arts media and other open-ended materials. We believe that children learn in relationships with other children and the adults in their lives. Our intentional observations of children, combined with our educational experience and aptitude to use arts materials with children, guide our teaching practice and result in class experiences that are unique and relevant to the development of our class participants. In our supportive environment, teachers guide children's natural curiosity to encourage exploration, discovery and sustained attention and focus. Together parents and teachers participate with the children to nurture persistence and creativity.
Special Needs:	UpCycle's class experiences help children develop fine motor, gross motor and communication skills as they explore and create with a variety of reuse and arts materials.
Other Information:	Family Memberships to UpCycle are available, which includes free supplies from our materials resource center, free Tinker Time and discounts on classes and workshops for one year. http://www.upcyclecrc.org/memberships.html

Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool

Website:	http://www.valleydrive.com/
Address:	3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304
Director:	Cindy Hodgkins
Phone Number:	703-519-3737
Age Range:	2.5 - 5 years old
School Times:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care:	No
Coop:	Yes
Open House Dates:	Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Snow date January 17.
Registration:	Applications accepted on an ongoing basis. Tours available starting in October - contact membership@valleydrive.com to schedule.
Goals or Philosophy:	Valley Drive's philosophy is child-centered and play-based. The teachers create an environment where children learn through active exploration and interaction with adults, other children, and an array of materials. While we recognize the crucial importance of skills such as reading and math as the children approach elementary school, play is the primary vehicle for preschool

growth. It is our conviction that our students are nurtured best through a healthy emotional orientation toward school. We provide constructive play opportunities for students to develop skills that will aid their success in elementary school.

Washington International School [F]

Website:	www.wis.edu
Address:	Primary School (Preschool-Grade 5): 1690 36 th Street NW, Washington, DC 20007 Middle and Upper Schools (Grades 6-12): 3100 Macomb Street NW, Washington, DC 20008
Director:	Suzanna Jemsby
Phone Number:	202-243-1815
Age Range:	Preschool (Age 3 by September 1 st) – Grade 12
School Times:	Early Years: 8:45am-3pm, 5 days per week Grades 1-5: 8:25am-3:35pm Middle/Upper School: 8:15am-2:50pm
Extended Care:	Our Auxiliary Program provides before school care starting at 7am and after school options until 6pm for Early Years, Grades 1-5, and Middle School.
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Please visit our website (https://www.wis.edu/admissions/welcome) to register for a small group tour, offered on selected dates throughout the fall. We offer a Primary School Open House for those parents interested in a future-years application on December 7 th from 9-11am.
Goals or Philosophy:	Our mission is to be an exemplary learning community—enriched by differences, informed through inquiry, global in reach.
Special Needs:	Please contact the Admissions Office (202) 243-1815 or admissions@wis.edu for more information.

Washington Street United Methodist Church Preschool

Website:	http://wsumc.com/preschool/
Address:	109 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director:	Jasmine Milone
Phone Number:	703-549-7931
Email:	preschool@wsumc.com
Age Range:	2.5 - 5 years
School Times:	Classes are held for a three-hour period with staggered arrival and dismissal between 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Extended Care:	Once a week Lunch Bunch (Wednesdays until 2 pm from October through June)
Coop:	No
Open House Dates:	Friday, January 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Weekly group tours are also offered for those unable to attend Open House.
Registration:	Enrollment information and applications for the 2019-2020 preschool term will be posted on our website on December 1 st and are also available at the Preschool Fair.
Goals and Philosophy:	Washington Street UMC Preschool is program operated as a ministry of the Washington Street United Methodist Church. Our central message is one of God's unconditional love. We believe that each person is a child of God. Our ministry involves helping children to learn to live lovingly. Each child at our preschool will have every opportunity to develop socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically, and intellectually to his or her fullest potential. Special attention is given to each child's abilities and interests, using his or her strengths to foster development in all areas. Through literature, art, music, drama, and play, children enrolled in our program are encouraged to expand their imagination, develop confidence in their abilities, and build a strong self-image. In order to attend to each student's individual ability, very low student-teacher

ratios are maintained. Our teaching staff is chosen based upon their educational experiences in the field of early childhood education as well as their nurturing personalities, enthusiasm, and love of teaching young children.

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

Other Information: Strong Parent Community, Chapel, Spanish Language Instruction, Science Enrichment, Music Enrichment, Lunch Bunch, Walking Field Trips.

The Weekday School at Mount Vernon UMC

Website: www.mvweekdayschool.com
Address: 2006 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22307
Director: Melissa Dutcher
Phone Number: 703-765-0140
Age Range: 1-5 years
School Times: 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Extended Care: 3 days a week until 1:45 (over 2 years old)
Coop: No
Open House Dates: February 8th from 9:45-11:45 a.m. Open House style with tours going on all morning.
Registration: Registration for current students and church members starts on January 21st. New families are welcome to register at the open house on February 8th. Registration is from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. or by appointment with the director.
Goals or Philosophy: Our mission is to provide parents of preschool children a quality preschool experience and peace of mind. Mount Vernon Weekday School is here to provide your child with a safe, loving, stress-free, and educationally-rich environment. Our Program Goals: To provide experiences which enhance each child's social, physical, intellectual, emotional and creative growth; To offer a curriculum that is child-centered, open-ended, process oriented, and play-based; To create opportunities for exploration and experimentation; To help children understand their feelings and the feelings of others; To allow children choices and decision-making opportunities; To develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills; To promote acceptance of diversity, and to promote self-esteem, confidence, individuality, positive self-image, autonomy, and success.
Special Needs: We welcome all children at MVWS.

Westminster Weekday Preschool

Website: <http://www.wpc-alex.org/preschool>
Address: 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22302
Director: Carolyn Burke, preschooldirector@wpc-alex.org
Phone Number: 703-549-5267
Age Range: 2.5-4 and 5 years
School Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Care: No
Coop: No
Open House Dates: Jan. 15, 2019 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Jan. 17, 2019 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration: Applications available Jan 15. In-house applications due Jan 25. Open registration applications due Jan 29. Open registration results announced Jan 31. See school website for details.
Goals or Philosophy: Westminster Weekday Preschool's program is a developmental program that encourages each child to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively at his or her own pace. Our curriculum is based on an understanding of how children grow and develop, and how they learn and attempt to make sense of the world around them. Our belief is that children acquire this

knowledge about their physical and social worlds through play and interaction with other children, adults, and objects.

Special Needs: Yes
Other Information: Accreditation: Licensed by the Commonwealth of VA
Notes: Music class once/week; Occupational Therapist works in classrooms five days/week; Outdoor Learning program emphasizes nature, outdoor science, gross motor skills, and art during playground time; Lunch Bunch for 4s classes 1-2 days/week; Handwriting without Tears for 4s classes once/week; Developmental, speech/hearing and vision screenings; Fall & Spring parent-teacher conferences; Snack provided by school; Nut-aware and allergy-sensitive facility; Garden Club once/month; Two-week Summer Camp in June for in-house students; Conscious Discipline approach (developed by Dr. Becky Bailey) used in all classrooms; Community Service activities throughout the year. No annual fundraising. Preschool is governed by a Board of Directors.

The Wise Family

Practice Website: www.thewisefamily.com
Address: 2850 Eisenhower Ave, Suite 105, Alexandria, VA 22314
Director: Dr. Amy Fortney Parks, LPC
Phone Number: 1-844-WISE FAM (Free phone consult available)
Age Range: All ages (Preschool – Young adulthood; Parents)
School Times: We have daytime, afternoon, evening and weekend appointments
Registration: Contact us or visit our website to schedule your free phone consult
Goals or Philosophy: Our mission is to inspire, instruct and engage children and their parents to grow WISE together.
Special Needs: We encourage the growth of emotional intelligence, flexibility, resilience and family connection in order to ensure success both at home and in life. In addition to psychotherapy and assessment, we work with kiddos and their parents to inspire WISE growth!
Other Information: We are a Northern Virginia-based psychotherapy, education and family consulting practice with over 20 years of training and experience in the field of child and adolescent development. Our focus is to assess and support emotional and intellectual strengths in individuals and families. Our services include Individual & Family Counseling, Parent Consulting, Educational Testing, WPPSI-IV & WISC-IV Testing, ADHD Assessment, MBTI & Strong Interest Inventory, and Working Memory Training.

Our therapist profiles can be found at <http://www.thewisefamily.com/about/the-wise-team>

About MOMS Club

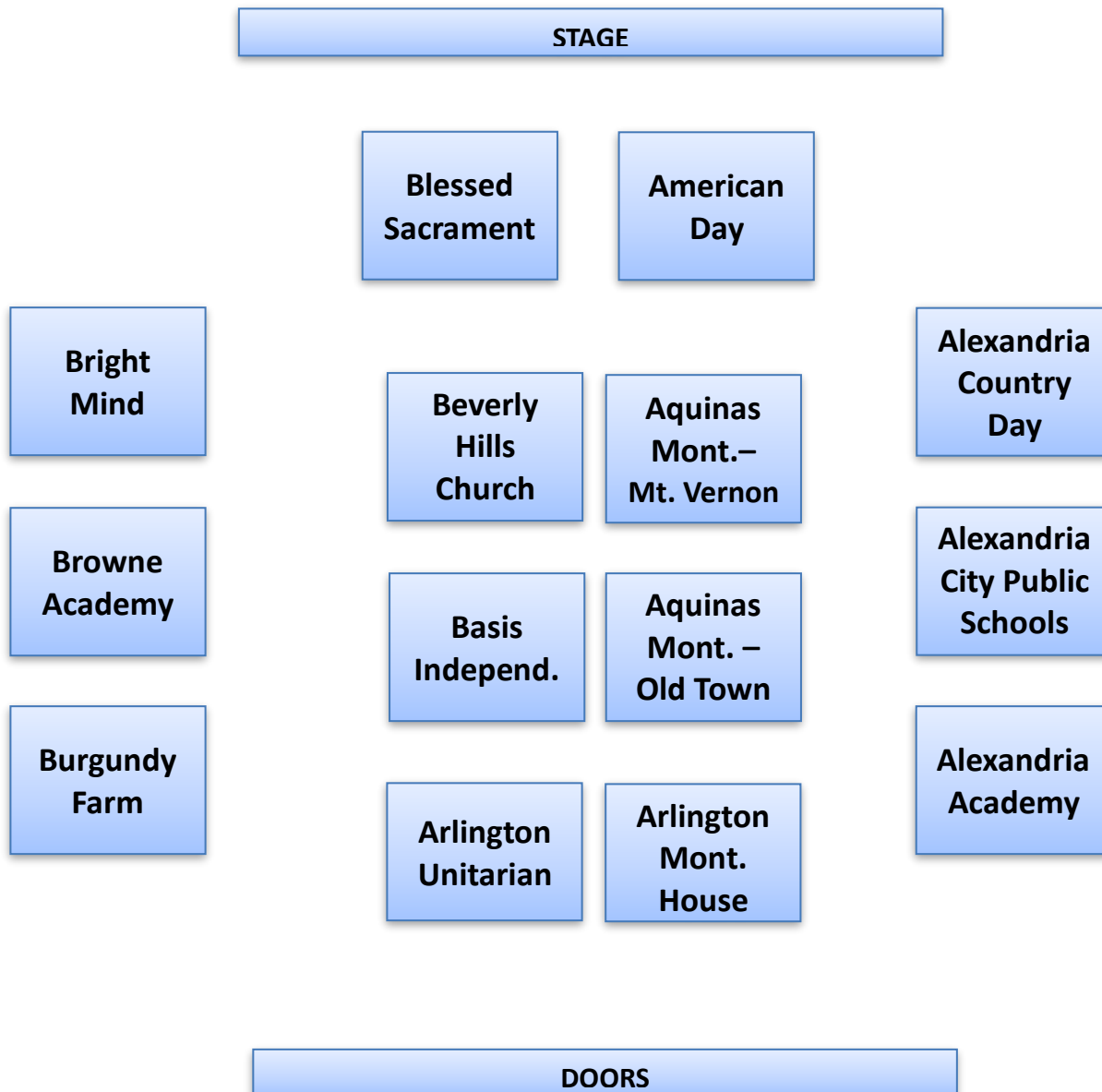
For more information on the MOMS Club of Alexandria – Northeast, please visit: <http://www.momsclubalexandria.com>

Or contact us via email: momsclubalexandria@gmail.com

Thank You

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Room Map – Performing Arts Center (PAC)



Room Map - Gymnasium

