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PRESCHOOL  
BOOKLET

for the  
2023-2024 School Year



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## Agudas Achim Preschool

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

Address: 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Jen Halpern

Phone Number: (703) 998-6072

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 1 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: [View](#) the 2022-23 tuition rates

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: TBD

Registration: February 2023

**School Philosophy:** We focus on the whole child, ensuring that all children are respected, supported, engaged, and challenged. We emphasize Jewish values such as: b'tzelem Elohim (we are all created in the image of God); derech erez (common decency and appropriate behavior, literally translated as "way of the world"); kavod (respect for one another); and tzedakah (charity, helping others). Our program is play-based and child-centered. Children need many opportunities throughout the day to playfully and joyfully explore their environment, to discover new concepts, and to practice new skills. Along the way they will feel success as well as frustration. As their teachers, it is our responsibility to create learning experiences for them that are challenging yet achievable. We aim to support every child on their developmental journey, no matter what their starting point.

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



## Aldersgate Methodist Day School

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

Address: 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Beth Bachmore

Phone Number: (703) 768-8351

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

Age Range of Students: 12 months – 6 years

School Hours: Preschool: 9 am - 12 pm; 5-hour Fours: 9 am – 2 pm; Kindergarten 9 am - 3 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 1-hour lunch bunch, 2-hour extended day

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- Kindergarten: See office
- 5-day, 5-hour Fours and JK: \$795
- 5-day Threes & Fours: \$480
- 3-day Threes: \$320
- 2-day Threes: \$250
- 3-day Toddler I, Toddler II, Pre-3: \$390
- 2-day Toddler I, Toddler II, Pre-3: \$270

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Wednesday, February 15, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Registration: New Families: January 3rd, 2023, 12:01 am Online, 8 am in Person

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

**Special Needs:** No

**Other Information:** Aldersgate Day School is celebrating 60 years of serving Mount Vernon and Alexandria families. Our caring, experienced staff pour their hearts into teaching children about love, life, and learning. The sense of community here is amazing!

**Additional Notes:** Students attend Chapel every other week, and music class 1-2 times a week.



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

**Website:**

<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/departments/teaching-learning-leadership/office-of-specialized-instruction/child-find-and-early-childhood-special-education-services/preschoolers-learning-together-plt>

**Address:** Jefferson-Houston School, 1501 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Director:** Laura Basu, Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator

**Phone Number:** (703) 619-8441

**Email Address:** [childfind@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:childfind@acps.k12.va.us)

**Age Range of Students:** 3 years - 4 years

**School Hours:** 8 – 11:15 am or 11:15 am – 2:35 pm

**Extended Care Available:** No

**Co-Op:** No

**Open House This Year:** Information will be posted [here](#).

**Registration:** Screenings for the PLT Program will take place in April-May 2023. Application Criteria of PLT Program: Family is able to provide transportation for student to attend a half day class (8 - 11:15 am or 11:15 am - 2:35 pm) Monday through Friday; Children must be three years to four years old by September 30; Children must pass a developmental screening and be observed by an ACPS preschool special education teacher; Children must be toilet trained; Preference given to children who live within the school boundaries of Jefferson-Houston, Charles Barrett, and John Adams, and preference given to children who have had no formal early childhood school experience.

**School Philosophy:** The Alexandria City Public Schools invites typically developing children to be included in the preschool classes for children with developmental delays/disabilities. Typically developing children from the community serve as role models for language, play, social and physical skills for preschoolers with special needs. In return, they receive a free developmental screening and a quality early childhood program taught by a teacher with a degree in early childhood special education and a qualified paraprofessional.

**Special Needs:** No

**Other Information:** Preschool classes follow the standard ACPS school calendar. A limited number of slots are available for each session at Jefferson Houston, Charles Barrett, and Early Childhood Center at John Adams for the 2023-24 school year. The program is open to children of Alexandria City residents.



## Alexandria City Public Schools - Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)

**Website:** <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/academics/early-childhood-pre-k/virginia-preschool-initiative-vpi>

**Address:** ACPS Central Office - 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Director:** Jane Richardson, Coordinator, Citywide Early

Childhood Programs

**Phone Number:** (703) 619-8026

**Email Address:** [childfind@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:childfind@acps.k12.va.us)

**Age Range of Students:** 4 years old

**School Hours:** 8 am – 2:35 pm

**Extended Care Available:** No

**Co-Op:** No

**Open House This Year:** Not applicable

**Registration:** Application criteria for VPI Program: child must be four years old by September 30; child must reside in the City of Alexandria; family must meet eligibility criteria. Eligibility is based on family income and child and family risk factors. 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.

**School Philosophy:** ACPS offers free preschool to qualifying families through the VPI program. The purpose of VPI is to provide quality early childhood programs for eligible four-year-old students. Eligibility is based on family income and child and family risk factors. VPI is a program designed for families who might not otherwise have access to 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

**Other Information:** Pre-K classes follow the standard ACPS school calendar. ACPS VPI programs are full school day and located at the Early Childhood Center at John Adams, William Ramsay, and Jefferson-Houston School.



## American Day School #1

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

**Director:** Pilar Mackay

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

**Email Address:** [americandayschool@verizon.net](mailto:americandayschool@verizon.net)

**Age Range of Students:** 16 months - 6 years

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

**Extended Care Available:** No

**Co-Op:** No

**Tuition Fees:** \$360-\$445 weekly

**Open House This Year:** No

**Registration:** Year-round

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

**Special Needs:** Not applicable





## American Day School #2 (Infant Building)

Address: 501 N Henry St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Lesly Umana

Phone Number: (703) 837-0238

Email Address: [americandayschool2@verizon.net](mailto:americandayschool2@verizon.net)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 16 months

School Hours: 7:30 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: \$475 weekly

Open House This Year: No

Registration: Year-round

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

**Special Needs:** Not applicable



### American Day School #3

Address: 1108 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Tyese Flood

Phone Number: (703) 837-0099

Email Address: [americands3@verizon.net](mailto:americands3@verizon.net)

Age Range of Students: 16 months - 5 years

School Hours: 7:30 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: \$360-\$475 weekly

Open House This Year: No

Registration: Year-round

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

**Special Needs:** Not applicable



## Arlington Montessori House

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

Address: 3809 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201

Director: Wendie Marsh

Phone Number: (703) 524-2511

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

Age Range of Students: 2½ - 6 years

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

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 3:15 - 6 pm

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 3- and 4-year-olds (8:30 am - 12 pm): \$11,250
- 5-year-olds/Kindergarteners (8:30 am - 3 pm): \$9,900

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Wednesday, December 14, 10 - 11 am (in-person)

Registration: Parents are welcome to apply at any time.

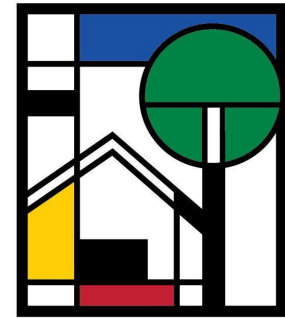
**School Philosophy:** The Montessori curriculum is based on the philosophy that a child is responsible for his or her own self-discovery and self-construction. The Montessori classroom is the child's primary learning "tool," which upholds an environment that activates and exercises all aspects of the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

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

**Special Needs:** Yes, in the case we are able to meet the needs of the child.

**Other Information:** AMH is open year-round, which includes a Summer Camp program.

**Additional Notes:** We are proud to have been serving the local community for over 45 years.



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## Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool

Website: <https://aucpva.org>

Address: 4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204

Director: Program Director: Diann Vaughan; Director,  
Curriculum & Staff Development: Kevan Miller

Phone Number: (703) 892-3878

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

Age Range of Students: Infant to PreK

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

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 1-year-olds: \$150/month
- 2-year-olds: \$250/month
- 3-year-olds: \$350/month
- 4-year-olds: \$475/month
- Optional Enrichment Classes: \$150/month
- Extended Day (Thursday, 3s and 4s): \$125/month

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Saturday, January 21, 10 am - 12 pm

Registration: Applications due on February 10, 2023

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

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

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

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



## Basilica School of St. Mary

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

Address: 400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Pam Jennison

Phone Number: (703) 549-1646

Email Address: [registrar@smsva.org](mailto:registrar@smsva.org)

Age Range of Students: 4 years

School Hours: Half Day (M-F): 8 am - 12 pm; Full Day (M-F): 8 am - 3 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- Half-Day PreK Program: \$7,112 tuition (per child, paid in 12 monthly installments)
- Full-Day PreK Program: \$9,152 tuition (per child, paid in 12 monthly installments)
- \$110 field trip/activity fee (per child, paid in 12 monthly installments)
- \$200 acceptance fee (per family, due at acceptance)
- \$350 materials/technology fee (per child, due at acceptance)

There is a \$500 tuition deposit due at acceptance that is applied towards your first months' tuition.

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: January 19, 2023, 8:30 – 10:30 am

Registration: From November 16, 2022

**School Philosophy:** The Basilica School of Saint Mary recognizes that each child is a gift made in God's image. Our pre-kindergarten program offers young children a wonderful opportunity to grow, explore, and learn. Through the intercession of our patroness Mary, Seat of Wisdom, our school strives to lead all its students into a joyful relationship with God. We are committed to the spiritual, academic, social, and emotional formation of each child in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

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

**Other Information:** Our pre-kindergarten curriculum is child-centered and developmentally appropriate. Using early childhood instructional strategies, our students learn and develop according to their individual abilities. We use Letter-of-the-Week to introduce each letter of the alphabet and its sound. Varied and engaging activities help our students gain pre-literacy and pre-writing skills. These skills are infused daily into each lesson, whether it be through art, music, manipulatives, class discussions, mobile technology, or journal writing. Children benefit from having a full-time instructional assistant working alongside their teacher. Our current 1:8 ratio affords our preschool students individualized instruction. Their personal creations are displayed prominently. Spanish is once a week. Our children also have the opportunity to explore science, math, reading, and dramatic play through center-based activities.



## BASIS Independent McLean

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

Address: 8000 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102

Director: Stephanie Cancienne

Phone Number: (703) 991-6075

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

Age Range of Students: 2 years - Grade 12

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

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: \$26,400

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Saturday, January 21, 2023

Registration: Accepting applications

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

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

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

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



## Beverley Hills Church Preschool

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

Address: 3512 Old Dominion Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22305

Director: Anne Brewster

Phone Number: (703) 549-7441

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

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

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12:30 - 2 pm

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: \$4,000-9,500

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: January 23, 2023

Registration: January 2023

**School Philosophy:** Beverley Hills Church Preschool (BHCP) is a Reggio-inspired parent cooperative preschool that for over 75 years has offered an innovative learning environment for young children, their families, and their teachers.

**Special Needs:** Yes.



## Bright Mind Preschool

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

Address: 322 North Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Cookie Balcha

Phone Number: (571) 970-4075

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

Age Range of Students: 2.5 - 6 years

School Hours: 7 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- Annual Registration: \$150 annually
- Toddler Class: \$1,800/month
- Jr PreK Class: \$1,680/month
- Pre-Kindergarten: \$1,680/month
- Activity Fee: \$500 (September-May), \$500 (Summer)

Open House This Year: No

Registration: We have Open Enrollment with new school year beginning August 21, 2023.

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

Special Needs: Case-by-case basis

Other Information: Bright Mind Preschool, located in Old Town Alexandria, offers the perfect backdrop for encouraging progress at a child's own pace while introducing developmentally appropriate cognitive and social skills. Our experienced staff uses the thematic Mother Goose Times curriculum combined with a play-based, learning centers approach for explorations of math, literacy, science, social studies, art, and music. Our students enjoy daily outdoor and indoor play as well as enrichment activities and field trips. We provide breakfast, lunch, and two snacks each day in our year-round program.

Additional Notes: We offer tours of our school Monday-Friday at 10:30 am and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm by appointment. We would love to introduce you to our school.



# Bright Mind Preschool



## Browne Academy

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

Address: 5917 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

Director: Kim McCue

Phone Number: (703) 960-3000

Email Address: [admission@browneacademy.org](mailto:admission@browneacademy.org)

Age Range of Students: 3 - 13 years

School Hours: 8 am - 3:15 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2022-2023 Preschool School Year: \$24,950

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Thursday, January 5, 2023 (Virtual); Thursday, April 6, 2023 (Virtual)

Registration: Open now

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

We believe in providing our students with experiential learning opportunities that encourage thoughtful questioning, personal engagement, use of the greater community, and a deeper understanding of the world. Through our inquiry-based approach, we strive to foster our students' natural curiosity and develop their lifelong love of learning.

We intentionally keep our class sizes small to nurture each child's academic, social, and emotional growth. Students feel safe and cared for in such an environment, and as a result, we see them thrive. Our graduates are equipped both academically and personally to navigate life after Browne Academy with confidence.

**Special Needs:** Not applicable.



## Burgundy Farm Country Day School

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

Address: 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria, VA 22303

Director: Omi Eaddie, Director of Admissions

Phone Number: (703) 960-3431

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

Age Range of Students: Junior Kindergarten (4 years old) to 8th grade

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

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Junior Kindergarten: \$33,429; Kindergarten: \$34,754. Annual tuition charges include the cost of textbooks, supplies, milk, most field trips, and visits to the Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies at Cooper's Cove.

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Sunday, January 8, 2022, 10 am

Registration: [Register online.](#)

School Philosophy: Our philosophy is rooted in the concepts of progressive education, which honors the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of children, allowing growth to unfold at each child's own pace. Through work, exploration, and play, we seek to educate the whole child, not just the intellect.

Special Needs: Some

Other Information: Burgundy has a school counselor, a Lower School reading specialist, a Lower School learning and differentiation specialist, and a Middle School learning and differentiation specialist, along with a health coordinator. However, the school is not staffed to support serious learning disabilities or learning or emotional issues that generally would require ongoing specialized services.

Additional Notes: Accredited by Virginia Association of Independent Schools; member of National Association of Independent Schools and Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington.

Contact [admission@burgundyfarm.org](mailto:admission@burgundyfarm.org) to schedule a tour or learn more about our program.



## Bush Hill Presbyterian Day School

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

**Director:** Maureen Osler

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

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

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

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

**Extended Care Available:** No

**Co-Op:** No

**Tuition Fees:**

- 2 mornings/week - \$255/month
- 3 mornings/week - \$315/month
- 5 mornings/week - \$460/month

**Open House This Year:** Yes

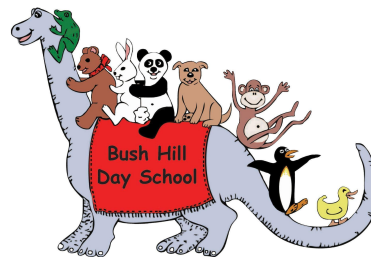
**Open House Dates/Times:** Tours of our preschool will be held in early January (January 9, 18, and 24 at 9:30 am). Please call the Director, 703-922-9185, to register to attend.

**Registration:** Registration for new families begins on February 1, 2023.

**School Philosophy:** Bush Hill Day School (BHDS) is a church-related preschool for children ages 2 through 5 with a learn-through-play approach to education. Our school is a supplement to the home and a place where the young child can feel cared for, protected, and secure. Our purpose is to help children discover the joy of learning and to establish positive foundations on which to build their lives. To help achieve this goal, BHDS provides a pleasant environment, limited enrollment, experienced teachers, a curriculum tailored to the developing interests and abilities of each child, and a wide range of resources for instruction.

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

**Other Information:** Classes are offered for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old children, and for 4-year-olds who have turned 5 but have not enrolled in Kindergarten. Those 3-, 4-, and 5-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.



## Christian Weekday Program

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

Address: 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22150

Director: Angie Oxendine

Phone Number: (703) 569-3479

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

Age Range of Students: 2.5 - 5 years

School Hours: 9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Three options daily:

- AM Care: 8 - 9:15 am
- CWP & Me: 12:15 - 2 pm
- Extended Day: 12:15 - 5 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Monthly

- 2-day (Tuesday/Thursday): \$250
- 3-day (Monday/Wednesday/Friday): \$400
- 5-day: \$525

Open House This Year: No

Registration: January 2023

**School Philosophy:** Enriching the lives of young children for 35 years, CWP days are filled with wonderful activities in art, music, story time, and small and large group instruction. There is always time to make new friends and enjoy playing together. The Director and teachers have developed a curriculum that incorporates language, mathematics, science, and pro-social skills in a developmentally appropriate play setting.

**Special Needs:** We try to accommodate students with special needs.

**Other Information:** More information is available on our website at [www.christianweekdayprogram.org](http://www.christianweekdayprogram.org)

**Additional Notes:** In addition to our daily classroom curriculum, we offer Music and STEAM specials once a week. Our pre-k students also attend small group Literacy once a week. During our Extended Day programs, we offer enrichment activities including soccer, dance, gymnastics, and art.



## Clarendon Child Care Center

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

Address: 1305 North Jackson Street, Arlington, VA 22201

Director: Sandra Redmore

Phone Number: (703) 528-1361

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

Age Range of Students: 2.5 - 5 years

School Hours: 7 am - 6 pm. Preschool hours are designed to accommodate working parents; drop-off between 7 - 9 am and pick-up between 3 - 6 pm included in tuition/regular preschool program.

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: Yes

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

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

Open House This Year: Yes

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

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

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

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

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

## Crystal City Children's Center

Website:

<http://www.crystalcitychildrenscenter.org>

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

Director: Faye Gravina

Phone Number: (703) 979-2770

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

Age Range of Students: 12 weeks - 6 years

School Hours: 7 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Please call or email for tuition rates.

Open House This Year: No

Registration: Open enrollment

School Philosophy: Provide exemplary childcare and preschool education for children.

Special Needs: No

Other Information: Please view [our webpage](#).



## Del Ray Montessori School

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

Address: 100 East Windsor Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Sarah Fondriest

Phone Number: (703) 380-1241

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

Age Range of Students: 18 months - 12 years

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

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Yearly Tuition:

- Young Children's Community (18 months - 3 years), Half Day (12 pm dismissal): \$16,810
- Young Children's Community (18 months - 3 years), Full Day: \$22,413
- Primary Programs (3 - 6 years), Full Day: \$17,978
- Elementary Program (6 - 12 years): \$18,615

Open House This Year: Virtual only

Open House Dates/Times: We would love for you to learn more about our school. The first step is to attend an Information Session. Session dates can be found on our website at:

<https://www.thedelraymontessorischool.com/attend-an-information-session>

Registration: Applications for the 2023-2024 school year are due February 1, 2023.

School Philosophy: The mission of The Del Ray Montessori School is to create a carefully prepared learning environment that will nurture the spirit of the child, guiding each child along a path toward reaching his or her full potential for learning. Our focus every day is to provide an educational foundation that instills respect, curiosity, and perseverance for every child, creating a love for learning and establishing a foundation for success in preparation for life's adventures.

Special Needs: No

Other Information: A non-profit Montessori School located in the quaint Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, Virginia, we are associated with and recognized by AMI/USA (Association Montessori International). In fact, we are the only school in the Commonwealth of Virginia that is recognized by AMI/USA across all three of our programs: YCC, Primary, and Elementary. Founded in 2011, we serve children ages 18 months through age 12 and their families in the DC metropolitan area.



## Emmanuel Preschool

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

Address: 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Nicole Crochet

Phone Number: (703) 683-0303

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12:30 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Our tuition rates are comparable to other half-day programs in Alexandria. The 2023-24 tuition rates will be voted on in mid-November. Please contact the office at 703-683-0303 with questions or for up-to-date information.

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: Our director conducts tours on weekdays during the school day. We also have a weekend tour option in January. Please call the school office at 703-683-0303 or email [director@epsonhigh.org](mailto:director@epsonhigh.org) to schedule a tour.

Registration: New Family Applications are due by February 23, 2023 to be considered in the first round of applications. Announcement of acceptance will be on March 1, 2023. Applications received after February 23 will be considered by order received.

School Philosophy: Emmanuel Preschool offers a play-based, developmentally appropriate, and enriching education for preschool-aged children. We value the spirit of each individual child and provide a safe, nurturing, and 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: Parents of children with developmental delays or special needs are encouraged to contact the director to discuss whether our school is able to provide the needed support to ensure the best preschool experience for their child.

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

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





## Fairlington Preschool

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

Address: 3900 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Katelyn Shirilla

Phone Number: (703) 671-3939

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

Age Range of Students: 2.5 - 6 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- 3-day classes (2s and 3s): \$4,850
- 5-day classes (4s and 5s): \$6,100
- Kindergarten: \$8,750

Open House This Year: No

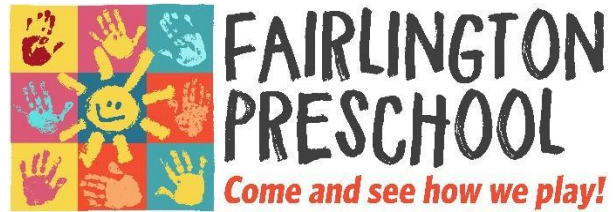
Registration: Registration begins in January.

**School Philosophy:** Fairlington Preschool is a non-sectarian, non-profit, morning preschool that operates in the Fairlington United Methodist Church. The school admits students of any race, religion, national and ethnic origin, or ability. The preschool supports the learning and development of all children, including those with disabilities, and to that end, our curriculum, staffing, and learning environment support the inclusion of children with disabilities in each classroom. Children with special needs or disabilities are included in each class. In addition, Fairlington Preschool operates two Community Partnership inclusion classrooms in conjunction with Alexandria City Public Schools. Fairlington Preschool is licensed to operate as a Child Day Center by the State of Virginia and follows NAEYC standards. In fall of 2021, the Preschool also opened a kindergarten. Please see our website for more information about Kindergarten.

**Special Needs:** Yes

**Other Information:** Fairlington has a large focus on inclusion and supports neurotypical and special needs students.

**Additional Notes:** We are working on offering extended hours for next year, but we will not know officially until December. Please check our website for updates.



## Faith Lutheran Preschool

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

Address: 3313 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201

Director: Carrie Field

Phone Number: (703) 525-1375

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 1 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: We do have Before Care starting at 8:30 am.

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- 2s (2 days a week): \$280/month
- 3s (3 days a week): \$415/month
- 4/5s (4 days a week): \$495/month

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: December 8 and 15, at 10 am

Registration: Applications due by January 31st

**School Philosophy:** Our program 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 in a myriad of "languages." Offering a variety of materials, tools, concepts, and equipment, we help them to see alternatives, problem solve, and make their own decisions. We are committed to observe and listen, and then to react to and validate their ideas with respect, imagination, and tenderness.

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

**Other Information:**

- 2-year-olds attend classes - M/T or TH/F, 9 - 11:45 am
- 3-year-olds attend classes-T, W, TH, 9:15 am - 12:45 pm or 9:30 am - 1 pm
- 4/5-year-olds attend classes-T, W, TH, F, 9:15 am - 12:45 pm or 9:30 am - 1 pm



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

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

Address: 1306 North Highland Street, Arlington, VA 22201

Director: (interim) Bonnie Czekanski

Phone Number: (703) 522-6477

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

Age Range of Students: 4 months – 5 years (Junior Kindergarten)

School Hours: 7 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Hours of Extended Care: The FBCC CDC does offer day/summer camp for children in Kindergarten through grade 4 when Arlington County Schools are closed.

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Monthly tuition covers our full-day, year-round program. Lunch and snacks, cooked in-house, are included in the cost.

- Infants/Toddlers: \$2,254
- Young Preschoolers: \$1,907
- Middle Preschoolers, Pre-Kindergarten, Junior Kindergarten: \$1,772

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: Virtual and in-person tours are given by appointment Monday – Friday. Contact Bonnie at [enrollment@cdcarlington.org](mailto:enrollment@cdcarlington.org).

Registration: Ongoing

School Philosophy: The FBCC is a non-profit ministry of the Church at Clarendon. 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: The FBCC CDC welcomes the opportunity to create inclusive care and early learning settings when circumstances permit.

Other Information: The FBCC CDC continues to develop our environmental education program offering children more intentional interactions with the natural world. We are well on our way to transitioning our outdoor play space into a Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom. FBCC CDC is guided by the philosophy and principles of the HighScope® Educational Approach to early childhood care and also by Conscious Discipline®. Our children enjoy selected Enrichment Programs such as Spanish, Chinese, Music, Christian Education, Library, Science Wonders, and Physical Education. Children are offered several extracurricular programs, which include PowerTots gymnastics, Adagio Ballet, and computer classes. FBCC CDC is a nut-free school.

Additional Notes: In nearly every case, placement on the established waiting list is necessary prior to admission. A waitlist form should be completed and returned with a non-refundable fee of \$125.00 to be placed on the waiting list.

## FBCA Weekday Childhood Ministry

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

Address: 2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22303

Director: Teri Stewart and Eileen Lane

Phone Number: (703) 684-3733

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

Age Range of Students: 1 to 6 years

School Hours: 10 am - 2 pm preschool; 9 am - 3 pm Kindergarten

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: Tuition ranges from \$405 to \$540 for ten payments and depends on the age and number of days for the preschool. Kindergarten tuition is \$890 for ten payments.

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: WCM offers tours by appointment to parents instead of an open house. Please contact [Teri Stewart](#).

Registration: January 2023

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

Special Needs: Yes

Other Information: WCM offers a Kindergarten class from 9 am - 3 pm. Children have the freedom within a structured framework to explore and learn through discovery and interactions with teachers and peers. The Kindergarten program seeks to provide a well-rounded program beginning with the core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, History, and Science. In addition, students will participate in Music and Art and develop gross motor skills through physical exercise and play.

Additional Notes: WCM offers Music and Science once a week. Chapel is offered to the 3's, Pre-K, and Kindergarten classes. Art is offered to the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. After school activities that are also offered are Soccer and Art.



## Full Circle Montessori

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

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

Director: Christie Yang

Phone Number: (703) 684-3733

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

Age Range of Students: 15 months - 12 years

School Hours: See [website](#) for hours of Toddler, Primary, and Elementary Programs.

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: See [website](#) for extended care hours.

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Tuition information is available [here](#).

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Virtual Open House on Tuesdays, 5 – 6 pm. Tours by appointment.

Registration: Rolling admissions.

School Philosophy:

- Prepare children for life while supporting parents with the ups and downs of parenthood.
- Foster a Montessori learning community that supports the development of the whole child emotionally, socially, intellectually, and physically.
- Cultivate a dynamic partnership among the Full Circle team, families, and the greater community.
- Fostering a sustainably run Montessori learning community based on Association Montessori International standards with core values that include kindness, empathy, respect, tolerance, peace, humor, and laughter.

Special Needs: Yes

Other Information: Full Circle Montessori School offers Baby Classes, Toddler Classes, Parenting Workshops, and 1:1 Support. Go to our website [www.FullCircleMontessori.com](http://www.FullCircleMontessori.com) and click on Parent Class for more details and to register.

Additional Notes: The Full Circle Nest at [870 S. Greenbrier St.](#) is now open! See what an intentionally designed indoor play space for children under 3 can be: one that promotes independence, confidence, fine and gross motor development, and creativity. You'll watch in wonder as your child plays independently while you can engage with other parents and our child development experts.



## Grace Episcopal School

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

Address: 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305

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

Phone Number: (703) 549-5067

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

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

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

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- \$11,830 (Preschool - Jr. Kindergarten)
- \$23,670 (Kindergarten - Grade Five)

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 9:30 am

Registration: Applications due on January 15, 2023

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

**Special Needs:** No.

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

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



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## Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

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

Address: 109 Bellaire Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Julia Habrecht, Headmaster

Phone Number: (703) 549-0155

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

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

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

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Morning Care: 7 - 8:20 am; After Care: 1 - 6 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Jr. Kindergarten: \$8,058

- Non-refundable application fee (new students): \$95
- Non-refundable registration fee (all students): \$225
- Facilities fee (all students): \$300

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Friday, January 13, 2023, 9 - 10:30 am

Registration: Application Deadline: January 20, 2023

**School Philosophy:** Wisdom, eloquence, and virtue – these are the aims of a classical education at ILS. More than the acquisition of basic skills and mere competency, ILS believes the purpose of education is to transform, elevate, and refine the mind and the soul. The focus is for young scholars to develop a strong foundation of curiosity, knowledge, and understanding that can be built upon throughout their lives. The good, the true, and the beautiful are the universal values of a classical education and serve as the building blocks of classical learning. The classical arts are timeless and proven and have been known to produce many eloquent confessors and wise leaders. Classical education is a holistic approach to education, and a return to excellence in teaching, curriculum, and expectations. Our goal is to help each individual student achieve his or her highest potential. This includes a rigorous curriculum that encourages mastery of material and inspires a love of learning.

**Special Needs:** Not applicable.

**Other Information:** Our Jr. Kindergarten program is for older 4- and 5-year-old students. Students must turn 4 on or before September 1st of the year in which they enroll.

**Additional Notes:** Apply Online: [www.ILSAlexandria.org/apply-today](http://www.ILSAlexandria.org/apply-today)



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## Meeting House Cooperative Preschool

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

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

Director: Tania Ryan

Phone Number: (703) 549-8037

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12 - 1:30 pm, Pre-K students only (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 2-Day 2s: \$3,285
- 3-Day 2s: \$4,860
- 2-Day 3s: \$3,285
- 3-Day 3s: \$4,860
- 5-Day 3/4s: \$6,075
- 5-Day Pre-K: \$6,615
- 2-Day Extended Day: \$1,480
- 4-Day Extended Day: \$2,960

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: Individual tours and interviews with the Director can be scheduled by contacting the preschool office.

Registration: Applications are due January 23, 2023.

School Philosophy: MHCP is a learn-through-play program. We assist children in moving from a dependent state to an independent state. We work with parents to provide a secure, stable environment for children.

Special Needs: We are an inclusion program. The school makes accommodations for a range of learners.

Other Information: MHCP offers yoga and movement, Science Seed, and music weekly.

Additional Notes: MCHP has a speech and language therapist and occupational therapist on staff.





## Montessori School of Alexandria

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

Address: 6300 Florence Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310

Director: Cathy Kalkus

Phone Number: (703) 960-3498

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

Age Range of Students: 3 - 12 years

School Hours: 8:30 am - 12 pm for preschool; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm K-6

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- Preschool 3 - 5+ years (8:30 am-12 pm): \$13,800
- Kindergarten 5+ - 6 years (8:30 am - 3:30 pm): \$14,800
- Elementary Class (8:30 am - 3:30 pm)
  - 6 - 9 years (1st - 3rd grade): \$15,800
  - 9 - 12 years (4th - 6th grade): \$16,800

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: We offer tours by appointment weekday mornings at 10 am.

Registration: Now through January

School Philosophy: MSA provides a holistic learning environment where the child develops self-esteem through independence, creativity through exploration, and a love of learning and peace. MSA's vision is to be the foundation for a peaceful community of socially responsible, independent thinkers, and self-motivated lifelong learners.

Special Needs: Case-by-case basis.

Other Information: The Montessori School of Alexandria, Inc. follows the teaching of Dr. Maria Montessori. Maria Montessori was a pioneer in education and in child psychology.

Education is an aid to life. Maria Montessori created an environment where the natural love of learning is cultivated. The environment is scientifically designed to fulfill the basic needs of the child according to their sensitive periods. The child is supported in his own process of self-construction by adults who care and who have received special training to enable them to observe, guide, and direct their students in this natural process of growth and development.

A hallmark of Montessori education is the mixed-age classroom. Children ages three to six and six to twelve work together. Children of different ages help one another. As they grow in the classroom, they become leaders through communication and harmony. All activities are designed to entice and delight the children with the ultimate purpose of acquiring greater knowledge.

The Montessori School of Alexandria, Inc. is affiliated with the American Montessori Association and licensed by the Virginia Department of Education. The facility is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to health, fire, and building codes.



## Mount Olivet Preschool

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

Address: 1500 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207

Director: Alexis Joyce

Phone Number: (703) 527-5508

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

Age Range of Students: Toddlers to 5 years

School Hours: 9:15 am – 1:15 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

**Tuition Fees:** MOPS has annual tuition, based on the 40-week school year. Therefore, no adjustments are made for vacation, holidays, school closings, days missed, or shortened days. Annual tuition is divided into a non-refundable down payment due upon accepting the offer plus nine equal payments from September to May, due on the tenth of each month. Detailed procedures are on the Financial Agreement Form, also due upon accepting the offer.

- Two-Day Toddlers/Young 2s (Tu/Th): \$3,660 (10-Payment Plan: \$366; Down Payment: \$366)
- Three-Day Toddlers/Young 2s (M/W/F): \$4,580 (10-Payment Plan: \$458; Down Payment: \$458)
- Two-Day 3s (Tu/Th): \$3,850 (10-Payment Plan: \$385; Down Payment: \$385)
- Three-Day 3s (M/W/F): \$4,750 (10-Payment Plan: \$475; Down Payment: \$475)
- Five-Day 3s: \$5,790 (10-Payment Plan: \$579; Down Payment: \$579)
- Three-Day 4s (M/W/F): \$5,150 (10-Payment Plan: \$515; Down Payment: \$515)
- Five-Day 4s: \$5,980 (10-Payment Plan: \$598; Down Payment: \$598)
- Five-Day 5s: \$6,560 (10-Payment Plan: \$656; Down Payment: \$656)

Partial tuition scholarships are available based on need; please contact Alexis Joyce, Preschool

Director, [ajoyce@mtolivet-umc.org](mailto:ajoyce@mtolivet-umc.org)

Open House This Year: Yes

**Open House Dates/Times:** December and January. Please check the website periodically for exact dates or call the preschool to set up a tour.

**Registration:** January 2023

**School Philosophy:** Welcome to Mount Olivet Preschool. 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:** Please contact the director for specific accommodations for your child.

**Other Information:** Our Learning Style:

Mount Olivet Weekday Preschool offers children a progression of knowledge and skills at an age-appropriate level in the following areas within our play-based environment:

*Physical well-being and fine and gross motor development* occurs through movement and coordination games and activities. Children participate in outdoor free play on our playground (weather permitting) or



indoor play in the Fellowship Hall. To promote the development of fine motor skills, we provide many opportunities each day for children to use a wide range of manipulatives and visual arts.

*Social and emotional development* occurs through Individual and group social situations that include story time, sharing, small group play, one-on-one meaningful work with classroom teachers, and cooperative play with classmates. These activities help children practice skills such as taking turns, learning to be a good friend, and expressing feelings in a healthy way. Art and music appreciation through exposure and a creative process approach: children are introduced to different visual art media, provided opportunities to create and express themselves (even if getting messy is part of the process!), and encouraged to display their projects. Children experience different kinds of music through listening, singing songs, and using rhythm instruments.

*Cognitive development* occurs through activities that foster the growth of children's thinking abilities. This includes areas such as concept development, symbolic thought, memory, categorization, reasoning, and problem-solving. Age-appropriate math and science skills are introduced. Classrooms are set up to stimulate and facilitate the pretend play that is so important to a child's cognitive, social, and language development.

*Language development* occurs when teachers support and model effective communication, by talking and listening, and through the teaching of age-appropriate literacy skills in reading and writing. In a print-rich environment, children participate in making up stories, rhyming and other kinds of word play, and games and activities that require listening to and following directions.

*Spiritual development* occurs through creating an atmosphere of love and acceptance of each child as a unique individual created by God. We encourage children to develop a sense of love, hope, and trust in God through daily prayers at mealtime, occasional age-appropriate Bible-based stories and songs, and for our older children, monthly chapel time in the church sanctuary.

Enrichment Classes offer a variety of learning experiences taught by teachers from outside the program specialized in these areas. Examples include Science Wonders, Music and Movement, and for our 5-day 5s, Spanish. The Threes, Fours, and Fives have at least three off-site field trips each year; the Fives have additional opportunities for field trips. Parents are encouraged to join their children on these trips, space permitting.

Daily Schedules vary by age and by class. Teachers post class schedules in the classroom and also provide monthly lesson plans. All classes spend at least 40 to 60 minutes daily playing outdoors on the playground or indoors in the Fellowship Hall. The school provides children with a mid-morning snack; children bring their lunch from home and eat it "family style" in the classroom. Children and teachers say grace before meals.

## Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Preschool

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

Address: 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

Director: Tara Macbeth

Phone Number: (703) 765-7867

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

**Co-Op:** No

**Tuition Fees:** 2022-23 Monthly Tuition (9 monthly payments)

- 2-Day Class: \$265
- 3-Day Class: \$340
- 5-Day, 3s Class: \$510
- 5-Day PreK Class: \$510
- 5-Day JK Class: \$510
- Extended Care, flexible hours: \$11/hour

**Open House This Year:** No

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

**Registration:** Registration opens on January 17, 2023.

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

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

**Other Information:** Our curriculum is enhanced with weekly classes in music and library taught by our own specialist teachers. We are proud to have our own preschool library full of the best children's literature. Our spacious shady playground has a wonderful assortment of playground equipment and toys suited to furthering the development of our students' gross motor skills, social interaction, and for cooperative play. In addition to being a fabulous place for outdoor play, our well-equipped playground space enables our teachers to implement hands-on lessons in science, art, and so much more!



## Northeast Stars Montessori

Website: <https://www.nestars.net/>

Address: 697 N Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Ms. Chynna Jenkins

Phone Number: (703) 945-0408

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 7:30 am - 6 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Tuition rates vary based on schedule selected.

Open House This Year: No

Registration: January 2023

**School Goals or Philosophy:** Here at Northeast Stars Montessori (NES), we recognize that learning comes in all shapes and sizes. Some things may work for your child, and some may not. At NES, our mission is to combine the Montessori Curriculum, focusing on independent learning, with a healthy amount of group and social activities. Your child will receive a well-rounded education in our classrooms.

**Special Needs:** Not applicable.

**Other Information:** Northeast Stars features highly individualized instruction in a warm friendly setting. Our beautiful large Montessori classroom(s) feature the smallest amount of preschool students while still having the same number of professionals per child. Our Alexandria preschool is in one very large Montessori classroom. The students are divided up into smaller groups of students. Each group is led by a certified licensed teacher and supported by an assistant teacher.



## OWLS Therapy

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

Address: 2776 S Arlington Mill Drive #546, Arlington, VA 22206 (mailing address only: we come to YOU for speech therapy services!)

Director: Janene Besch

Phone Number: (703) 470-6957

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

Age Range of Students: 18 months - 17 years

School Hours: Therapy appointments offered Monday-Thursday in your home (or at your child's school with director permission). We come to you!

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Therapy rates vary based on length of session and travel fee.

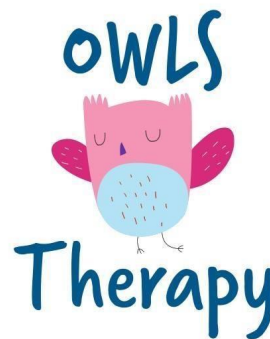
Open House This Year: No

Registration: Ongoing

School 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 2-12 in the areas of: Apraxia/Oral Motor Speech Disorders, Articulation and Phonological Awareness Disorder, Auditory Processing Disorders, Aural Rehabilitation related to cochlear implants, Communication Disorders related to Autism, 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, DIRFloortime, 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.



## Pinecrest School

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

Address: 7209 Quiet Cove, Annandale, VA 22003

Director: Nicole McDermott

Phone Number: (703) 354-3446

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

Age Range of Students: 3 - 12 years

School Hours: 8:30 am – 12:05 pm PreK; 8:30 am – 3:35 pm (K-6 Classes)

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Before care: 8 - 8:30 am; After care: 12 - 6 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2022-23 Annual Tuition: \$7,220

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Virtual Open House Dates:

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 9:15 am
- Wednesday, February 1, 2023 @ 9:15 am
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 9:15 am

These meetings will begin at 9:15 am via Zoom. In-person Open House Dates:

- Sunday, January 22, 2023 @ 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Families are welcome to drop in at any time from 1 – 3 pm.

Registration: Rolling admissions

**School Philosophy:** Pinecrest School is a non-profit progressive private school in Northern Virginia, serving ages 3-12. We are committed to creating and supporting an inclusive and equitable community that values the diversity of our students, families, and faculty. Pinecrest offers a strong focus on critical thinking, STEAM instruction, mindfulness, and an individualized approach to education.

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

**Other Information:** In a warm atmosphere fostering curiosity and confidence, preschoolers learn to function in structured group settings within a nurturing framework. Kindergarten-readiness is emphasized with fine/gross motor skills, speech/language development and social/emotional learning. The typical day combines free play with teacher-led literacy, numeracy, science, and social studies activities. Children regularly practice mindfulness and enjoy art, PE, music, and yoga classes.



## Potomac Crescent Waldorf School

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

Address: 212 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314. PCWS will be moving in early 2023 to its new building located at 424 N Washington St in the heart of Old Town Alexandria.

Director: Kensei H. Phillips, Enrollment and Admissions

Phone Number: (703) 486-1309

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 10 years

School Hours: 8 am - 3 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Please visit the "Tuition" page under the "Admissions" tab [on our website](#).

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 10 to 11:30 am

Registration: Registration opens in December. The new student application deadline is January 25. However, additional applications will be considered depending on space available afterwards.

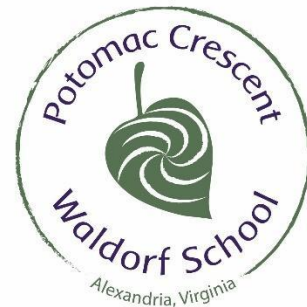
School Philosophy: We believe in the preservation of childhood, the importance of imaginative play and time in nature, the integration of arts and academics, and the development of human beings who will make a difference in the world.

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

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

Other Information: Contact our [Director of Enrollment & Admissions](#) for descriptions of our programs and information about resources to help you learn more about PCWS and Waldorf education.

Additional Notes: PCWS will offer programs in the 2023-2024 school year for Parent-Child, Pre-Kindergarten, Mixed Age Kindergarten, and Grades 1-5.





## Pozez JCC-Beth El Early Childhood Learning Center

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

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

Director: Dina Backer

Phone Number: (703) 537-3084

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

Age Range of Students: 16 months - 5 years

School Hours: M-F, 8 am - 5 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: For 2022/2023, Beth EL and Pozez JCC members: \$1,805/month; nonmembers: \$1,985/month.

Open House This Year: No. Please call for individual appointments.

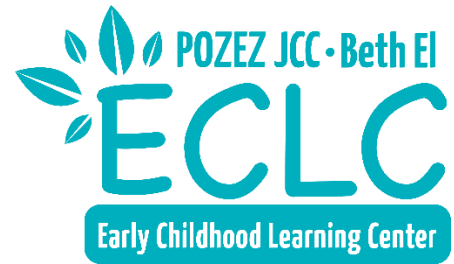
Registration: January-February for August 2023.

School Philosophy: We are a Reggio Emilia-Inspired philosophy. We are a Jewish preschool open to the public.

Special Needs: Evaluated on an individual basis.

Other Information: We are a full-time, year-round program licensed by the State of Virginia. A Reggio Emilia-inspired program means we use all hands-on explorations, kid-created arts, and projects with lots of time outside on our Reggio Emilia-inspired outdoor play space.

Additional Notes: We are proud of our small class sizes, and warm, friendly, and caring environment.



## Rock Spring Cooperative Preschool

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

Address: 5010 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 22207

Director: Christine Ammirati

Phone Number: (703) 625-0334

Email Address: [memberchair@rockspringpreschool.org](mailto:memberchair@rockspringpreschool.org)

Age Range of Students: 18 months - 5 years

School Hours: We offer age-specific programs for 18 months to five years old. All classes run from 9:15 am - 12 noon, except the Dinosaur class, which runs until 1:10 pm.

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- Polar & Panda Bear (18 months)(6/class): \$280/month (\$2,800 annually)
- Beaver (2-3yrs)(8/class): \$320/month (\$3,200 annually)
- Pony (2-3yrs)(8/class): \$440/month (\$4,400 annually)
- Penguin (3-4yrs)(9/class): \$440/month (\$4,400 annually)
- Dinosaur (4-5yrs)(16/class): \$595/month (\$5,950 annually)
- Additional Fees: \$150 supplies (annual), \$45 registration(annual), \$36 application fee

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: In-person open houses will be held on Feb. 1st and 2nd, 2023.

Registration: Applications are due on Feb. 23. For more information on our application process, please visit our website: <http://www.rockspringpreschool.org/admissions2.html>

School Philosophy: We are a play-based preschool! The RSCP philosophy is based on the knowledge that young children learn by playing and their play reflects their continual emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth and development.

Special Needs: RSCP admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, national, and ethnic origin in administration of any of its educational or admission policies, nor any other school-administered programs.

Other Information: RSCP is a welcoming community where families all help support and participate in their children's growth. Our co-op program lets you play an active role in the school and engage with your child in the classroom without a significant time commitment.

Additional Notes: Please visit our website for more information:

<http://www.rockspringpreschool.org/home.html>



## Sleepy Hollow Preschool

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

Address: 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Director: Debbie Brown

Phone Number: (703) 941-9791

Email Address: [membership@sleepyhollow.simplelists.com](mailto:membership@sleepyhollow.simplelists.com)

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9:10 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12 pm - 1:30 or 2 pm.

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 2s \$264 per month (over 10 months)
- 3s \$360 per month (over 10 months)
- 4s/5s \$426 per month (over 10 months)
- Application Fee is \$75, not refundable
- Annual Supply Fee, 2s, \$145
- Limited full/partial buy outs available in 3s & 4/5s
  - 3s \$180
  - 4s/5s \$215

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: January 25 and 26, 9:30 – 11:30 am; February 1, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Registration: August 2023

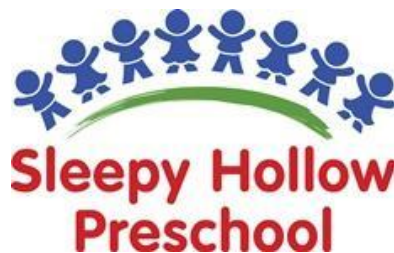
**School Philosophy:** Sleepy Hollow Preschool is a Learning Through Play, inclusive, half day, private non profit 501(C)(3), mixed age, parent cooperative early childhood program serving children ages 2 to 5 years, and committed to offering the highest quality experience for every child and their family.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

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

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

Parents in our coop program get to be part of their child's first school experience, observing master teachers, seeing other children and parents, and enhancing their parenting skills. We welcome you to come and see the play at Sleepy Hollow Preschool!

**Special Needs:** Sleepy Hollow Preschool is an inclusive program.



**Other Information:** To tour of Sleepy Hollow's indoor and outdoor program, please call 703-941-9791 or email: [membership@sleepyhollow.simplelists.com](mailto:membership@sleepyhollow.simplelists.com)

## St. Anthony of Padua

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

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

**Director:** Fiona Lewsley

**Phone Number:** (703) 820-7450

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

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

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

**Extended Care Available:** Yes

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

**Co-Op:** No

**Tuition Fees:** Preschool Tuition for 2022-2023

- Preschool Half Day (7:45 am - 11:45 am) \$5,500
- Preschool School Day (7:45 am - 3:20 pm) \$8,500
- Preschool Junior Kindergarten (7:45 am - 3:20 pm) \$8,750
- Unlimited Use Extended Day (3:30 - 5:30 pm): \$3,600
- Hourly Drop-In Care (3:30 - 5:30 pm): \$15 per hour or any portion

**Open House This Year:** Yes

**Open House Dates/Times:** December 2 and January 29 at 4 pm. Please see [website](#) closer to dates for Open House hours.

**Registration:** Opens on November 18, 2022.

**School Philosophy:** St. Anthony of Padua School offers a comprehensive preschool program. Our goal is to foster a sense of community for your entire family. Our philosophy of educating your child physically, socially, academically, and spiritually ensures that our students have the necessary skills for a successful transition to the elementary years at Saint Anthony's school.

**Special Needs:** Yes, St. Anthony's provides students with mild to moderate intellectual and developmental disabilities access to an individualized, inclusive education.

**Other Information:** We follow a play-based curriculum based on the Virginia Department of Education guidelines. Our youngest Preschool classes are on the ground level of the school with easy access to an age-appropriate playground. Each class has a full-time teacher and an assistant to care for the students. Children participate in weekly music, PE, and library classes.

**Additional Notes:** The School is a Preschool for 2.5-year-old through 8th Grade. There is a thriving Parent Teacher Organization. The PTO provides events that raise money for everything from field trip transportation, technology in the classroom, and support of student activities, to continuing teacher education. Typical family events organized by the PTO include BINGO nights, Mother and Son Dance, Father and Daughter Dance, Costume Fun Run at the end of October and a Read-a-Thon.



## St. Clement Episcopal School

Website: <https://www.saintclement.org/preschool>

Address: 1701 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Jenny Darlington

Phone Number: (703) 998-8795

Email Address: [jenny@saintclement.org](mailto:jenny@saintclement.org)

Age Range of Students: 2.5 - 5 years

School Hours: 8 am - 5:30 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- 8 am - 12:45 pm: \$850
- 8 am - 4 pm: \$1,320
- 8 am - 5:30 pm: \$1,475

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: January 19, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm

Registration: March 1

**School Philosophy:** Saint Clement Episcopal School seeks to offer an educational environment within a Christian community that promotes the development of children's spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and artistic potential. The school is dedicated to encouraging children's curiosity and to maintaining an atmosphere of love, joy, and tolerance.

**Special Needs:** Yes

**Other Information:** Saint Clement Episcopal School welcomes all children. We offer integration of the arts, enrichment classes, and a focus on independent skills and character building. Please call to schedule a tour today!



## St. Luke's Day School

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

Address: 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Director: Gennifer Difilippo

Phone Number: (703) 765-6699

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

Age Range of Students: 2.5 – 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: 12 - 4 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- 2-Day class for Twos - \$260
- 3-Day class for Threes - \$350
- 5-Day class for Threes, PreK - \$550
- Kindergarten classes - \$595

Open House This Year: No

Registration: January 6 - 10, 2023

**School Philosophy:** Our preschool offers an environment that encourages curiosity, the awareness and excitement of learning, and the fun of being part of a group, while singing, playing, and growing.

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

**Other Information:** We offer an afterschool program and also enrichment programs after school that include gymnastics, dance, soccer, super-hero training, cooking, and magical art.



## St. Paul's Episcopal Preschool

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

Address: 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Kristin Teeters

Phone Number: (703) 548-6089

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

Age Range of Students: 18 months - Kindergarten

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm; optional afternoons for Ks,  
Tues-Thurs until 2:30 pm.

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Early Care is available daily from 8 – 9  
am for an additional fee. An optional Lunch Bunch is typically  
offered 1 day per week for our 2s - Ks (12 - 1:30 pm); additional  
fees apply. Our Ks can opt to enroll in our Afternoon Program  
that runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until 2:30 pm.

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees:

- Toddlers and 2s: \$8,670 per year
- 3s, 4s, and Ks (morning): \$9,384 per year
- Ks Afternoon Program: \$5,000 per year

Open House This Year: No

Registration: Applications for 2023/2024 opened on October 15, 2022.

School Philosophy: Our mission is to educate the hearts and minds of young people for lives of learning, leadership, and service. Our early childhood program is designed to engage the youngest learners to develop socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively through developmentally appropriate practices rich in social connections, language literacy, math, and other disciplinary skills and content. We are committed to making the preschool experience as full and positive as possible.

Special Needs: No

Other Information: Our preschool has a school bus that is available for morning and afternoon (noon only) transportation needs, for an additional fee. Financial Aid is available;  
apply: <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3QZDQ>

Additional Notes: Apply online: <https://sp-va.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=16380>



## St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School

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

Address: 400 Fontaine Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Katherine Carbo

Phone Number: (703) 212-2705

Email Address: [kcarbo@sssas.org](mailto:kcarbo@sssas.org)

Age Range of Students: 3 years - Grade 12

School Hours: 8 am - 3 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

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

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: Early Saints (3-year-olds) and Junior Kindergarten: \$37,710

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Please visit us at [www.sssas.org](http://www.sssas.org) to schedule a campus tour.

Registration: The application deadline is January 15, 2023

School Philosophy: A college preparatory Episcopal Church School in the Diocese of Virginia that educates students from ages 3 through grade 12.

Special Needs: No

Other Information: Join us this summer for our Junior Day Camp!

**St. Stephen's** ✝  
**St. Agnes School**



## Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool

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

Address: 7719 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Director: Barbara Bradley

Phone Number: (703) 765-9266

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

Age Range of Students: 2.5 – 6 years

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

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees: (Monthly)

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

Open House This Year: Yes

Open House Dates/Times: Sunday, January 8, 2023, 1 - 3 pm

Registration: Registration opens on Monday, January 9, 2023

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

We believe preschool should allow children to:

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

How we foster child development:

- Provide a wide variety of activities geared to the proper age and skill level of the children.
- Emphasize personal standards and pride of achievement and encourage the child to recognize that the process is as important as the product.



- Encourage arts in addition to crafts, and dramatic and creative play in addition to organized games and activities.
- Consider individual needs and different rates of development in children along with the aims of group activity and socialization.
- Recognize that the most desirable discipline is self-discipline, and that encouragement and consistent standards are more effective than punishment in the development of self-discipline.
- Offer a developmentally appropriate program with little use of formal devices, drills, and competitive learning.

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

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

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

**Additional Notes:** Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool has been around for almost 80 years. Our director has over 25 years' experience and our assistant director has over 20. They both teach throughout the age groups. Our staff completes ongoing education as part of our National Association for the Education of Young Children certification. We are one of only three schools in Northern VA with this accreditation.

The Tauxemont learning experience encourages parents to participate with their children during this major step away from home. The interaction between parent, child and teacher is something quite rare and special.

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

## Trinity Preschool

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

Address: 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

Director: Claire Maucieri

Phone Number: (703) 549-7422

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: Yes

Hours of Extended Care: Jump Start 8 - 9 am; Lunch Bunch 12 - 2 pm

Co-Op: No

**Tuition Fees:** Tuition is billed monthly, and rates vary depending upon the age of the child and the number of days per week that they attend school. For more specific information, please [visit our website](#).

**Open House This Year:** Yes

**Open House Dates/Times:** Open House dates TBD. Private tours may be available throughout the school year.

**Registration:** January and February 2023.

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

### Goals

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

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

### Other Information: *Trinity Preschool's Core Values*

- Our focus is on the children—our preschool supports each child in their journey to reach their full potential intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. We respect the beauty and wonder of childhood and remain focused on the knowledge of how best to help children develop and learn. Our program is a part-time program focused on the best interest and safety of the children who walk through our doors.
- Our foundation is the church—our preschool is a ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church, and we covenant to care for all children as God calls us to. In Matthew, Jesus says, "Let the little children



come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” We base our work as faithful Christians on clear principles and actively support the faith component of child development through regular chapel sessions.

- Our service is to the family and community—our preschool believes that children are best understood and supported in the context of family, culture, community, and society, and we respect the dignity and uniqueness of each child, family member, and colleague. We strive to serve through faithful care of our children, and by seeking opportunities to connect with our community. We celebrate diversity and extend hospitality and respect to all.
- Our mindset is one of growth and opportunity—our preschool is committed to a continual pattern of growth and development in order to remain in the top echelon of early childhood education providers in the Alexandria area. We encourage the implementation and development of a professional curriculum and continued faculty training that reinforces intentional continuity and structure for all classes.
- Our strength is in relationships—our preschool believes excellence is achieved for our students, faculty, staff, board, families, and all individuals that are involved in the preschool community by building relationships that are based on mutual trust and respect. These relationships are built via clear and honest communication, by constructively resolving conflict as it arises, and always assuming positive intent.

#### Additional Notes:

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

## Valley Drive Preschool

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

Address: 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

Director: Cynthia Hodgkins

Phone Number: (703) 519-3737

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

Age Range of Students: 2 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Co-Op: Yes

Tuition Fees:

- 2s/ 2days per week: \$3,140 annually
- 3s/3days per week: \$4,150 annually
- 4s/4days per week: \$4,990 annually
- 4s/5days per week: \$5,700 annually

Open House This Year: No

Open House Dates/Times: Please email [membership@valleydrive.com](mailto:membership@valleydrive.com) to schedule a tour.

Registration: We accept applications on a rolling basis.

**School 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 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 towards school. We provide constructive play opportunities for students to develop skills that will aid their success in elementary school.

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

**Other Information:** As a cooperative preschool, parents work as co-teachers in the classroom. Parents are offered the unique opportunity to observe the child's development and to learn ways to facilitate this process. Parents also are relied upon to conduct the business of the preschool, including hiring of professional staff, establishment of school budget, and fundraising. The jobs performed by parent volunteers allow the school to run smoothly while helping reduce expenses, thereby lowering tuition costs. Valley Drive is also committed to offering scholarship assistance each year to families who qualify.

**Additional Notes:** Valley Drive offers programs for 2-, 3-, and 4/5-year-olds. Children attend two to five days per week, depending on the child's placement in the school. School begins at 9 am and ends at 12 noon, and our school year runs from September through May.



## Washington Street United Methodist Church Preschool

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

Address: 109 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Director: Laura Miles

Phone Number: (703) 549-7931

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

Age Range of Students: 2.5 - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12:20 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Hours of Extended Care: Lunch Bunch for pre-K class one or two days per week,  
12:30 - 2 pm

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2022-23 Tuition Fees

- 2-year-old, 2-Day Class: \$360/month
- 3-year-old, 3-day Class: \$455/month
- PreK, 5-day Class: \$600/month

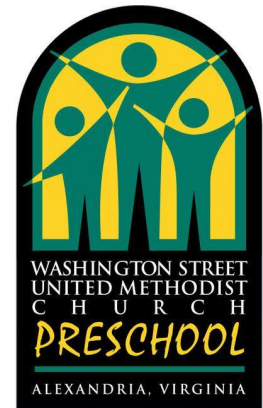
Open House This Year: No

Registration: Registration for new families begins in January 2022

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

**Special Needs:** Washington Street UMC Preschool is committed to meeting the needs of each enrolled child and, as such, welcomes applications of children with special needs such as children with minor disabilities/developmental delays, and minor medical conditions. To discern whether WSUMCP might be an appropriate placement for your child with special needs, please schedule a meeting with the Director to discuss your specific situation when applying for enrollment. Enrollment of children with medical or special needs will be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure proper placement, before admission to WSUMCP. In order to provide the best-possible preschool experience for each student, accommodations for children with special needs will be made in consultation with the family and any appropriate medical and/or educational intervention personnel working with the child.

**Additional Notes:** Washington Street UMC Preschool offers enrichment programs in science and music to supplement our curriculum.



## Westminster Weekday Preschool

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

Address: 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

Director: Carolyn Burke

Phone Number: (703) 549-5267

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

Age Range of Students: 2½ - 5 years

School Hours: 9 am - 12 pm

Extended Care Available: No

Hours of Extended Care: The 4s students can attend 1-hour Lunch Bunch sessions on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays after school. They may also attend a church-sponsored, 1-hour Music Club on Wednesdays after school.

Co-Op: No

Tuition Fees: 2022-23 Tuition Rates

- 2½s - \$3,700
- 3s - \$4,550
- 4-day 4s - \$5,350
- 5-day 4s - \$6,200

Open House This Year: No

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

Registration: February 10 - 24, 2023

School Philosophy: Westminster Weekday Preschool's program is a developmental program that encourages each child to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively at his or her own pace. Our curriculum is based on an understanding of how children grow and develop, and how they learn and attempt to make sense of the world around them. Our belief is that children acquire this knowledge about their physical and social worlds through play and interaction with other children, adults, and objects.

Special Needs: Yes

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

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

Additional Notes: WWP has been a well-loved preschool since 1975. The majority of the staff members have worked at WWP for 5-35 years! Our classes spend up to 90 minutes a day outside. WWP uses Conscious Discipline, a brain-science based, social-emotional intelligence program. We also teach a parenting class on



Conscious Discipline that is open to the community. WWP participates in many community service activities in which the children can be involved along with their families. We have a music teacher who comes every other week, fun assemblies with outside guests, and gardening days to take care of our garden.