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CDW AT PLAY CHILD CARE CENTER BY BRIGHT HORIZONS

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Philosophy/General Purpose

Bright Horizons® is trusted by families around the world to provide care and education for their children. In more than 1,000 child care centers in the United States and beyond, we offer the highest-quality care and learning that delivers both the solution working parents need, and the classroom experiences children deserve to get ready for school and become enthusiastic learners for life.

Our research-based World at Their Fingertips® curriculum meets children where they are developmentally, with Signature Practices that build confidence and excitement about learning at every age and stage. In every classroom, the goal is to help children do more than learn; it's to cultivate the joy of learning. And our emergent approach — teaching skills by leveraging a child's own interests — enables teachers to tailor activities and projects for the specific talents and needs of each child in the class.

Days and Hours

- Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** Our ratios meet all Illinois state guidelines
- **Student Age Range:** Infant – Kindergarten, plus summer camp
- **Toilet Training Policy:** Not required for admission

The Classroom

- **Class Size:** Varies by age group
- **Curriculum:**
- **Infants:** Our program offers individualized care for your baby. Highlights include: an assigned primary caregiver for one-to-one moments of caring, play, and communication; personalized care plans to support daily schedules, nutritional guidelines, and other unique needs; and, sensory-rich spaces and soft places to explore, roll over, pull up, and crawl.
- **Toddlers:** Our toddler program is a safe place for your newly independent child to test out and learn new skills, wonder about everything, and discover how to make friends. It's all alongside teachers who know every day that they're not caring for any child, but the most important child — yours. Highlights include: support for newfound independence, language, and social skills; a focus on individual growth and making choices; learning centers that encourage language and reading, fine motor skills, math, art, dramatic play, science, and outdoor learning; and, a relaxed environment to foster individual development and self-help skills.
- **Preschool:** Preschoolers are ready to take chances and experiment with new things. With teachers' support, these inquisitive young minds will tackle new challenges, and advance the skills they'll need for kindergarten and beyond. Highlights include: independent, teacher-directed, and small-group activities that encourage investigation, exploration, and discovery; learning approaches that adapt to each child and incorporate their strengths and interests; curriculum that supports creative expression, literacy,

music, and more; confidence-building opportunities to solve problems and make decisions; and, STEM learning that encourages future-forward skills.

- **Kindergarten Prep:** The last year before kindergarten is a time of enormous and exciting growth. As a parent, you want your child to enjoy this stage while building the right skills for the steps ahead. We offer a program that gives you both; teachers who cherish this important time, and curriculum recognized by parents and teachers for helping children build the social and academic skills needed to be ready for school. Highlights include: teachers who encourage children to reach developmental and academic milestones; creative, hands-on, and project-based learning; support for core pre-academic areas including literacy, mathematical reasoning, and scientific investigation; multiple and diverse learning activities that ensure children thrive in all areas of development; and, focus on the understanding of teamwork and positive self-image.
- All of our programs have safety, security, and cleanliness practices that meet or exceed all state, local, and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) guidelines.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** Rolling admission
- **Registration Fee:** \$150
- **Tuition and Rate:** Varies by age group

Additional Information

- **Accreditation:** NAEYC and ExceleRate Illinois Gold
- **Facility Established:** 1999
- **Additional:** Age-appropriate outdoor playgrounds, outdoor gardens, music room, library, and science lab.

CELEBRATION! CHILDCARE AND CROSSWAYS PRESCHOOL

1151 N. ST. MARY'S ROAD LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Samantha Cooper

Email: sam@holycrosschurch.org

Celebration! Childcare: (847)367-6208

Crossways Preschool: (847) 367-4367

Philosophy/General Purpose

We seek to introduce children to a world that lies beyond their home that provides a wide range of learning and nurturing. We celebrate the uniqueness of each child and their family and commit to creating a safe, connected community within the walls of our programs for children to grow, play, and learn.

Days and Hours

- Monday-Friday 6:30 am - 6 pm.

The Students

- Student Teacher Ratio:** Infants: 1:4, Toddlers 1:4, Two's: 1:8, Three-Five-year-old's: 1:10, school age: 1:15
- Student Age Range:** 6 weeks-12 years
- Toilet Training Policy:** Children are encouraged to start toilet learning at 2 years old age. We continue working with students until they are potty trained. They do not have to be potty trained at a certain age to enroll in our preschool programs.

The Classroom

- Class Size:**
 - Infants: Max 12
 - Toddlers: Max 10
 - Two's: Max 16
 - Three-Five-year-olds: Max 20
- Curriculum:** Our programs use Creative Curriculum, Handwriting without Tears, and a variety of other curriculum tools to help promote learning and development.

Registration and Tuition

- Registration Begins:** Registration is year round for Celebration Childcare. CrossWays Preschool has open enrollment year round for the current school year. Enrollment for the next school year opens to the public in March.
- Registration Fees:** \$90.00 one-time fee for Celebration Childcare. \$90.00 yearly registration fee for CrossWays Preschool.
- Tuition and Rates:**
 - Crossways Preschool-** please visit our website for details: [CrossWays Preschool in Libertyville, Illinois \(cpreschool.org\)](http://CrossWaysPreschoolinLibertyvilleIllinois.cpreschool.org)
 - Celebration Childcare-** please visit our website for details: [Celebration! Childcare, Libertyville Illinois \(cchildcare.org\)](http://Celebration!ChildcareLibertyvilleIllinois.cchildcare.org)

Additional Information

- Number of years in existence:** Celebration Childcare: 2006 / CrossWays Preschool: 1990's
- Facility:** Our facility is located on 10+ acres of land. We also have a playground, blacktop space, child-led garden, 2 indoor motor rooms, and the use of the chapel.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE OF LIBERTYVILLE

223 W. GOLF RD. LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Becky McKeon

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Phone: (847)816-3590

Philosophy/General Purpose

The Montessori Philosophy of Education is one of respect for others and the environment. We offer an individualized program of learning so that each child learns at his or her own pace. We encourage cooperation instead of competition. It is the goal of the school to meet the developmental needs of each child - social, emotional, physical, and intellectual within the context of the "prepared environment" essential to a Montessori education. We commit ourselves daily to meet and exceed these goals. We endeavor to be partners with you in the education and care of your child and look forward to having your child at The Children's House of Libertyville. We encourage you to be involved in your child's early learning experiences by setting up classroom observations and participating in parent nights and parent/teacher conferences.

Days and Hours of Operation

- Monday-Friday 7:15AM – 5:15 PM

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** Varies by age meeting all Illinois state guidelines
- **Student Age Range:** Infants-5 Years Old
- **Toilet Training:** Children need to be potty-trained to join the 3-5 year old classrooms. The teachers will work with parents in the 2-year old classroom to train your child.

The Classroom

- **Group Size:** Varies by age group
- **Curriculum:** The Children's House embraces the Montessori curriculum with experienced teachers in a carefully prepared environment.

Montessori provides a unique cycle of learning in the classroom. Three, four, and five year old children all share the same environment. Because of this multi-age environment, children learn from each other and because of each other. Younger children learn from watching older peers. Older children learn patience, nurturing, and gain satisfaction by teaching younger students. These activities help to build their leadership skills and self-esteem.

In the rich Montessori environment, the child develops cognitive, social, and emotional skills with the teacher's support and guidance in an individualized curriculum. The materials and activities are carefully prepared to help each child discover knowledge and develop independence. Teachers encourage the child to develop their sense of order, coordination, and concentration. By pursuing their individual interests at their own pace, they gain an early enthusiasm and self-motivation for learning. The environment is designed to facilitate independent learning and exploration by the child. Each classroom is divided into six areas and within these areas a child develops coordination, concentration, good work habits, and self-confidence. The six areas of the classroom are:

Practical Life: This area develops fine motor skills, attention to detail, concentration, and develops good work habits as the child masters each task.

Sensorial: The child meets the world around them. By using their senses, they learn to distinguish, categorize, and relate new information to what they already know. Their concentration and intellect are strengthened.

Language: The child commits to memory the shapes and sounds of letters necessary for reading and develops muscular skills necessary for writing. Grammar is introduced.

Science & Geography: The child's natural curiosity is stimulated through discovery projects and experiments using the scientific method. Plant and animal kingdoms are studied. Children use maps of the world to learn countries, continents, and how others live.

Mathematics: The underlying goal is to develop the child's mathematical logical mind. The child will develop the natural ability to order, classify, compare, pattern, analyze, generalize, and differentiate. A strong mathematical foundation is built with concrete materials and hands-on experience.

Art and Music: Artistic exploration is encouraged throughout the curriculum giving the child the opportunity for self-expression and discovery.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** Ongoing
- **Registration Information:** Registration Fee: \$75 per child/\$100 per family
- **Tuition/Current Rates:** Full and partial week rates available. Please contact The Children's House for more details.

Additional Information

- **Facility Established:** 1999
- **Property Details:** Secure, independent building with enclosed, attached outside play environment. Convenient parking for easy drop off and pick up.
- **Accreditation:** Full AMS Member Montessori School

CHRIST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

595 N. DEERPATH DRIVE VERNON HILLS, IL 60061

Director: Kathy Davis

Email: clcpreschool@aol.com

(847) 367-5791

Philosophy/General Purpose

Our positive school environment helps children feel good about themselves and allows their attitudes, skills and curiosity to expand. We learn through fun! Our objectives are to stimulate young children to love learning and to provide the highest quality early childhood educational experience for every child. We encourage responsible behavior in our children, especially group cooperation and concern for others. Our hands-on approach to creative preschool curriculum gives children an opportunity to grow socially, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually, and physically at their own pace.

Days and Hours

- 2 -5 day options
- AM session 8:30-11:30
- PM session 11:30-2:00 enrichment class

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** 8-10:1
- **Student Age Range:** 2 - 5 years
- **Toilet Training Policy:** Your child does not need to be toilet trained.

The Classroom

- **Class Size:** 8-20
- **Curriculum:** We have a play-based curriculum that provides balanced activities for whole child development with emphasis on music, art, creative play, science, reading readiness, math readiness, Christian values and community awareness.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** February 1, 2023
- **Tuition and Fees:**
 - Registration fee: \$125.00 non-refundable
 - Tuition: \$135 - \$468 monthly tuition

Additional Information

- **When was your facility established:** 1993
- **Facilities:** Large one-story building with 6 classrooms, small kitchen and outside fenced playground.
- **Accreditation:** N/A

EAST LAKE ACADEMY

13911 W. LAUREL AVE., LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

Director: John Gannon

Email: jgannon@eastlakeacademy.org

Phone: (847)247-0035 ext. 204

Philosophy/General Purpose

- Roman Catholic

Days and Hours of Operation

- Pre-K, Monday-Friday 8:00-11:30 AM
- Optional afternoon care available.

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** 8:1
- **Student Age Range:** 3-4
- **Toilet Training:** Students required to be fully potty trained.

The Classroom

- **Group Size:** 12-16
- **Curriculum:** Roman Catholic. Academically accelerated. Non-Common Core.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** Rolling admissions
- **Registration Information:** Registration Fee: \$150 per family
- **Tuition/Current Rates:** Varies by number of days.

Additional Information

- **Facility Established:** 2001
- **Property Details:** Chapel, playground, gym.
- **Accreditation:** RC Education

GROWING WITH GRACE PRESCHOOL

501 VALLEY PARK DRIVE LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Sarah McAuliffe

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(847)-224-5820

Philosophy/General Purpose

Welcome to Growing with Grace Preschool – an early childhood ministry of Grace Lutheran Church – that offers programming for two to five-year-olds.

We strive to build the foundation of a positive educational experience and a love for learning with every student who passes through our doors.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

At Growing with Grace Preschool, we uphold a specific way of learning represented on our GWG Compass. Our four guiding principles are shown as the cardinal directions: Love of Learning, Nurturing Environment, Spiritual Development, and Family Involvement.

Our four practices we use in programming are shown as the ordinal directions: Exploration, Whole Child, Service, and Play-Based. We use our GWG Compass to guide us in meeting the needs of every child.

Days and Hours

Days and hours vary- see website for updated information: www.growingwithgracepreschool.org

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:**
Terrific Twos 10:2
Tremendous Threes 15:2
Fabulous Fours 15:2
- **Student Age Range:** 2-5 years
- **Toilet Training Policy:** Twos programs- Potty trained not required
Threes and Fours programs- Potty trained required

The Classroom:

Class Size: 10 students in Twos programs and 15 students in Threes/Fours/Adventures programs

Curriculum: We teach by using a combination of child-centered and teacher-directed activities and focus on developing the whole child through a variety of hands-on individual and group activities. We utilize a play and theme based, developmentally appropriate curriculum. We develop social skills, self-regulation, and empathy. We build the ability to problem solve through hands-on experiences and develop creativity through exploration of a variety of art materials and styles. Pre-kindergarten readiness skills are taught following the Illinois Early Learning Standards, Handwriting without Tears program, and Bridges math curriculum.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** 1/23/23 In House Registration
- **Registration fee:** \$100 for first child registered; \$25 for each additional child; \$50 for Adventures class (if not registering for a core class) and Tiny Twos students.
- **Tuition:** See website for current tuition rates

Additional Information

- **Length of time school has been in existence:** 2006
- **Facility:** Grace Lutheran Church
- **Accreditation:** ELEA member, D70 Partner, Main Street Libertyville Member

KIDDY LEARNING STATION

745 N. DIAMOND LAKE ROAD MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

Mundelein Center Director: Zoe Friedrich

KLS Mundelein: (847)-566-0966

Arlington Heights Center Director: Alex Tromboukis

KLS Arlington Heights: (847)-590-9776

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Philosophy/General Purpose

Our mission here at KLS is to provide a safe, stimulating, and nurturing educational environment for young children six weeks through six years, promoting optimal growth in all areas of development. It is our desire to reach beyond the ordinary, striving to serve and provide an atmosphere where students, families, and teachers can achieve excellence by challenging minds, building character, and nurturing the inner child through a fun journey of learning and growth.

Days and Hours

Call center for hours

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** In alignment with DCFS Regulations
- **Student Age Range:** From six weeks to six years
- **Toilet Training Policy:** Begins when child is 2 years old and demonstrates readiness.

The Classroom:

Class Size: Depends on the class

Curriculum: FunShine Express Curriculum - <https://www.funshineexpress.com>. Curriculum aligns with the state's Early Learning and Development Standards

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** Ongoing
- **Registration fee:** \$150 Child/\$200 for multi-children
- **Tuition:** Varies depending on the child's age

Additional Information

- **Length of time school has been in existence:** Since 2004
- **Facility:** Secure building, 2 playgrounds, inside play room for inclement weather, various engaging STEAM activities throughout the year and summer program ages 6wks to 6yr.
- **Accreditation:** DCFS Licensed & ExceleRate Circle of Quality
- **Please visit www.kiddylearningstation.com to learn more about us.**

KINDER KORNER PRESCHOOL

870 COUNTRY CLUB DR. LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Julie Herchenbach

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(847) 367-3075

Philosophy/General Purpose

We believe "learning through play" is essential to child development and the learning process. We believe that learning begins at a very early age and we create an atmosphere where a wide range of experiences are available in happy and positive surroundings. We give the children the opportunity to explore, discover, problem solve, respect others, and build self-esteem. Themes are integrated in a fun way through play, games, and activity centers of art, science, math, dramatic play, reading, language/literacy and music.

Days and Hours

2-3 years Tues. /Fri. 8:45 AM-11:00 AM

3-4 years Mon. /Wed. /Thurs. 8:45 AM-11:15 AM

Pre-K Mon. /Wed. /Thurs. 8:45 AM-11:15 AM & 11:45 AM -2:15 PM- enrichment

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** 2-3 years 6:1, other 7:1
- **Student Age Range:** 2-5 years
- **Toilet Training Policy:** 2's need not be potty trained, all others- yes.

The Classroom

- **Class Size:** 7-14
- **Curriculum:** Our play-based curriculum includes age- appropriate math, science, and literature activities that foster excitement for learning and exploring. We include activities that help the children share and work together, and we promote learning all the skills that will make them successful and have a positive attitude towards learning.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** February 1, 2023
- **Registration fee:** \$100
- **Tuition/Current Rates:** R= Resident, NR=Non-Resident
2-3 years old -2 days a week-\$1494 R/\$1597 NR
3-4 years old & pre-k 3 days a week \$2457 R \$2561 NR
Can be paid monthly Sept-May or in full at time of registration.

Additional Information

- **Establishment of Facility:** Over 35 years ago
- **Facilities** We occupy a self-contained building that has indoor large motor activities as well as a fenced in playground surrounded by nature.
- **Accreditation:** N/A

LIBERTYVILLE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

1190 W. WINCHESTER RD., LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Adrienne Johnson
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(847) 367-0926

Philosophy/General Purpose

LCNS is dedicated to providing an age-appropriate, child-centered curriculum that provides learning experiences to develop a child's skills, confidence and overall aptitude. Our play-based approach capitalizes on the natural curiosity and interests of children. Our teachers are facilitators within an active, collaborative environment. Children are guided through developmentally appropriate activities that encourage creative, purposeful investigation and align with the state's Early Learning and Development standards. All areas of development are promoted through play, the work of the child! Our cooperative philosophy welcomes parents and families to play a crucial role in their child's early learning experience.

Days and Hours

- Monday-Friday 8:45 to 11:15, 12:45 to 3:15
- Extended Day options available

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** Varies by age
- **Student Age Range:** 2-5 years
- **Toilet Training Policy:** Toilet training is not required, but highly recommended

The Classroom

- **Class Size:** Varies by age and classroom
- **Curriculum:** Our play-based curriculum aligns with the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. All developmental areas are addressed and all types of learners are supported through our age-appropriate activities. Our curriculum is child-centered and engages young learners through a variety of exploratory learning opportunities.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** January – ongoing with availability
- **Tuition and Fees:** Contact the school office for current programs and tuition rates or visit www.libertyvilleco-op.com
- **Parent Helper Opt-Out fees are available.**

Additional Information

- **Accreditation:** Licensed by IL Department of Children and Family Services
- **Number of years in existence:** 75 years. Est. 1945
- **Additional:** Child-sized restrooms in most classrooms and a fenced in playground

LIBERTYVILLE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

450 S. BUTTERFIELD RD. MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

Director: Lynn Hauser

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(847) 362-5170

Philosophy/General Purpose

The philosophy of Libertyville Montessori School is one in which every child is treated with respect, and as a unique individual. We encourage the children to be independent workers and thinkers, through a variety of experiences and opportunities that are provided in a child-centered, prepared classroom, with the use of concrete Montessori materials.

Days and Hours

- Monday-Friday 7:30 - 6:00 pm

The Students

- Student Teacher Ratio:**
 - 18 months-3 year olds- 1:10
 - 3-6 year olds- 1:16
 - 6-9 year olds- 1:20
- Student Age Range:** 18 months-9 years old.
- Toilet Training Policy:** Work with student and parents in regards to 2 year olds. 3-9 year olds need to be potty trained.

The Classroom

- Curriculum:** All classrooms are equipped with Montessori materials, which make it possible for hands on learning. The children are free to walk about the child-centered prepared classroom and choose presented work. Through the work, children develop order, concentration, discipline, independence, and self-confidence, as well as a love of learning. Our belief is that with self-confidence and self-esteem, a child can truly learn anything. The ongoing goal for the staff of Libertyville Montessori School will always be "MEET THE NEEDS OF EACH CHILD EACH DAY".
- Class Size:** Varies by age/classroom

Registration and Tuition

- Registration Begins:** Ongoing all year
- Registration Fees:** Pre-primary - \$150 primary - \$150
- Tuition/Rates:** Depends on age and program. Information on website: libertyvillemontessori.com

Additional Information

Accreditation: AMS and recognized by the State of Illinois for kindergarten and elementary school

Number of years in existence: Since 1964

Additional: Libertyville Montessori School is a "Little Red Schoolhouse" situated on a lovely wooded, private, and secure, two-acre setting. We offer unique, octagonal shaped classrooms, which house our pre-primary, primary, and elementary children. We have a one-acre playground located at the rear of our property, which is entirely fenced in and maintains the natural setting of the wooded property.

LITTLE LEARNERS PRESCHOOL-VERNON HILLS PARK DISTRICT

635 N. ASPEN DRIVE, VERNON HILLS, IL 60061

Director: Julia Freels

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Phone: (847)996-6808

Philosophy/General Purpose

Little Learners Preschool provides a safe and nurturing learning environment that embraces all children and their diverse learning styles, needs and interests. Developmentally-appropriate instruction is provided by caring instructors in an environment that values social, cultural, and linguistic diversity while fostering a love of learning.

Our curriculum is guided by the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines for Children Birth to Age 3 and by the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards focusing on the development of the whole child. Our instructors offer unique learning experiences that are play-based to promote social-emotional, physical, language and cognitive development.

Days and Hours of Operation

- Varies

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** 8-10:1
- **Student Age Range:** 2-5 years
- **Toilet Training:** Depends on age of the child

The Classroom

- **Group Size:** Twos: 16
Threes: 18
Fours/Enrichment: 20
- **Curriculum:** Children participate in a variety of learning opportunities designed to develop independence, problem-solving, critical-thinking, creativity, and self-expression as well as social and academic skills. Classroom interest centers and activities offer rich exposure to literacy, mathematics, science & technology, social studies, the arts, and English language acquisition to prepare our preschoolers for elementary school and beyond.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** January 2023
- **Registration Information:** Registration Fee: \$100
- **Tuition/Current Rates:** Available online www.vhparkdistrict.org

Additional Information

- **Facility Established:** N/A
- **Property Details:** Secure Preschool Wing, Four Preschool Classrooms, Child-Size Restroom Located Within Each Classroom, Colorful Furnishings, Outdoor Playground (Gated), Full-Size Gymnasium, Dance/Movement Studio
- **Accreditation:** N/A

MATIGIAN PRESCHOOL

30450 N. CENTER AVE. LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Kim Forker
Phone: (847)362-7675
School Email: kim4kr@aol.com

Philosophy/General Purpose:

Our curriculum focuses on centers that allow children to learn by exploring dramatic play, language arts, math, science, music, blocks, arts & crafts and outdoor play.

Days and Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Lunch Bunch Days extended to 12:30 PM

The Students

Student Age Range: 2 years to 6 years old

Student/Teacher Ratio: Room 1: 18 children, 4 teachers

Room 2: 20 children, 2 teachers

Approximate Class Size: Room 1: 18 children

Room 2: 20 children

Toilet Training Policy: Our program accepts children that are not potty trained.

The Classroom

Curriculum: Our curriculum is based on learning through play and hands on activities. Each child is given the opportunity to move through different stages of development by exploring a variety of methods, strategies, activities, and materials; together with interactions between teachers and classmates.

Registration and Tuition

Registration Begins: January 2023

Registration Fee: \$125.00

Tuition-Current Rates: 2 Day- \$260 per month
3 Day- \$370 per month
4 Day- \$490 per month
5 day- \$610 per month

Additional Information

Accreditation: We are licensed with The Department of Children and Family Services.

Length of time school has been in existence: Matigian Preschool was established in 1969. The Libertyville school has been opened since 1984.

Facilities: Fenced in playground

Matigian Preschool also offers 2 summer programs!

MUNDELEIN COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

21064 WEST HIGHWAY 176 MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

Director: Laura Davenport

Phone: (847)949-1899

School Email: davenport.laura@gmail.com

Philosophy/General Purpose:

Play based learning

Days and Hours

We offer MWF for 4-5 year olds.

T-Th for 3-4 year olds.

Both AM & PM classes.

The Students

Student Age Range: 3-5 year olds

Student/Teacher Ratio: We follow state standards for ratio.

1:6 for 3-4 year olds, and 1:8 for MWF

Approximate Class Size: T-Th: 12, MWF: 16

Toilet Training Policy: Students should be mostly potty trained.

The Classroom

Curriculum: We use an emergent curriculum following the student's interests, each area of the child's development is taken into consideration in our program. We emphasis social and emotional learning, along with cognitive development, speech, language and motor skills.

Registration and Tuition

Registration Begins: January 2023

Registration Fee: \$75

Tuition-Current Rates: T-Th classes: \$170

MWF classes: \$205

Additional Information

Accreditation: No

Length of time school has been in existence: Est. 1948

Facilities: We are located in a charming house on the grounds of the Ivanhoe Congregational Church in Mundelein. We have a large playground as well as our classroom. We are literally a one room school house, providing a wonderful transition from home to school.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL

501 W. PARK AVENUE LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Cindy Smith

Phone: (847) 367-1441

School Email: cindy.smith@stjohnslib.com

Philosophy/General Purpose

Our school exists to provide a safe, fun, nurturing, and Christ centered environment for the children. We provide an environment where children can explore the love of learning to their fullest potential.

Days and Hours

School day is 7:50-3:15. Before school care from 6:30 to 7:50. After school care from 3:15 to 6:00.

The Students

Student Age Range: Preschool, 3 years to 5 years. Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 3 Year-old 8:1; 4 year-olds 11:1

Approximate Class Size: 8-12

Toilet Training Policy: Children must be potty trained

The Classroom

Curriculum: St. John school provides a well-rounded learning experience for your child. We work on building a strong foundation for your child's future learning skills. The following are some of the subjects the children are involved with.

Christ Light (religion)

Math

Language Arts

Science

Social Studies - The study of people and places - Who lives and works in our community - social interactions with others - More

Music and Movement

Physical Education

Science

STEM

Registration and Tuition

Registration Begins: Year round registration

Registration Fee: New students \$85.00 - Returning students before February 8 \$85.00, after February 8 \$150.00.

Tuition-Current Rates: Tuition depends on the amount of days you are looking for.

Additional Information

Accreditation: Grade school is - WELSA - Accredited (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Schools Accredited) and NCPSA Accredited (National Council for Private Schools accreditation).

Length of time school has been in existence: Over 40 years

Facilities: Secure building with an attached, gated playground

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

221 PARK PLACE LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Tracy Lombardo

Email: tlombardo@sjslibertyville.org

(847) 362-0730

Philosophy/General Purpose

Our preschool program is conceptually based and fosters curiosity, creativity and social interaction. We believe that a child's intellectual, physical, social, emotional and creative growth is nurtured through play, wonder, and active, meaningful involvement in first-hand experiences.

Preschool learning is about discovering through math and science. It's about building confidence and esteem. At Little Knights, we believe all of this, and more, can be learned through play- providing the play is meaningful. A child's play is their "work." We provide both guided and free play to nurture imagination, initiative and problem-solving.

Our curriculum utilizes the Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) teaching techniques to provide our students with a significant, hands-on learning experience. The DAP approach helps children learn in a more fun, interactive and meaningful way.

Our program values teaching of socialization, cooperation and respect in a loving Catholic faith environment.

Days and Hours

- 3's M/W/F 8:00am-10:30am
- 4's Monday-Friday 7:30am-2:00pm
- 4's Monday-Friday 7:30am-10:30am
- 4's Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm
- 4's M/W/F 11:00am-2:00pm
- 4's T/TH 7:30am-2:00pm

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** 10:1
- **Student Age Range:** 3-4 years
- **Toilet Training Policy:** Children must be toilet trained

The Classroom

- **Class Size:** 20 children
- **Curriculum:** Children learn through their senses. Our curriculum utilizes monthly themes, incorporating many different, interactive approaches to reinforce the concept being introduced. The following curriculum areas are included in our preschool program: Religion Reading Readiness, Language Arts, Math Readiness, Science/Discovery, Social Studies/Character Education, Creative Art Activities, Music & Movement, Physical Education, Library/Media Center, Art Appreciation, In-House Field Trips

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** Registration for new families begins December 1, 2022; please feel free to contact the school with any questions prior to the registration date.
- **Fees:** Registration fee: \$200; Tuition Deposit: \$400
- **Tuition/Rates:** See the website www.sjscatholic.org; varies by program

Additional Information

- **Accreditation:** Accredited through the Illinois State Board of Education
- **Number of years in existence:** 32 years
- **Facility:** Dedicated classrooms with bathrooms within St. Joseph Catholic School. Playground, gym, library, media center

VERNON HILLS MONTESSORI ACADEMY

21 W. HAWTHORN PARKWAY VERNON HILLS, IL 60061

Director: Margarita Shvets

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(847) 918-0342

Philosophy/General Purpose

The Vernon Hills Montessori Academy (VHMA) is a Montessori school that engages each child through innovative academics, exploration of character, and a fearless, forward mindset.

Days and Hours

- Monday 6:00am-7:00pm
- Tuesday 6:00am-7:00pm
- Wednesday 6:00am-7:00pm
- Thursday 6:00am-7:00pm
- Friday 6:00am-7:00pm

The Students

- **Student Teacher Ratio:** Our ratios meet all Illinois State Guidelines.
- **Student Age Range:** 6 weeks – 6 years old
- **Toilet Training Policy:** Prefers above 3 years need to be Potty trained

The Classroom

- **Class Size:** Varies by age group
- **Curriculum:** Our Montessori Curriculum offers children five key areas of study: Practical Life, Sensorial, Mathematics, Language, and Culture. Each learning area is made up of a set of Montessori materials that each teach one key knowledge area or skill.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** Rolling admission
- **Fees:** Registration fee: \$150
- **Tuition/Rates:** Visit our website: www.vernonhillsacademy.com

Additional Information

- **Accreditation:** AMS(American Montessori Society)
- **Established:** 2000
- **Facility:** Age appropriate classrooms, Play Ground, Social room and Music room
- Summer Camp available

VILLAGE GREEN MONTESSORI

125 W. CHURCH STREET, LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Ann Phillips

Email: vgmschool@icloud.com

(847) 281-9911

Philosophy/General Purpose

Montessori

Days and Hours

- M-F, 7:30AM-4:30PM

The Students

- **Student Age Range:** 2-6 years
- **Approximate Class Size:** 2 year program; 3-6 year program
- **Student/Teacher Ratio:** 2 year program; 3-6 year program

The Classroom

- **Toilet Training Policy:** Must be potty trained to enroll in the 3-6 program.
- **Curriculum:** TBD

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins:** January 9th for current families, March 1st open enrollment
- **Registration Fee:** Application fee \$200.00
- **Tuition/Current Rates:** link to 2022-2023 pricing:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hw-7WbPfZC2emp09411u_dQS5BNk9lu/view?usp=sharing

Additional Information

- **Facilities:** TBD
- **Accreditation:**
- **Length of time school has been in existence:** 2002, celebrating our 20th anniversary!
- **Website:** Please visit our website to learn more about us - www.villagegreenmontessori.com.

YOUNG AT HEART CENTER, INC.

610 PETERSON RD., LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Director: Leslie Obenauf

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(847)-367-6110

Philosophy/General Purpose

Creating a positive space for young children to grow and develop at their own pace. Supporting Early Childhood Education for over 30 years and bonding with each family to offer individualized programming. Curriculum implementing social/emotional learning while incorporating a variety of activities that allow all children to explore and have fun.

Days and Hours

- Monday through Friday 6:30 AM-6:00 PM
- Open year-round including holidays.

The Students

- **Student Age Range:**
- **Approximate Class Size:** 12-20 students
- **Student/Teacher Ratio:**

The Classroom

- **Toilet Training Policy:** Support families in potty training.
- **Curriculum:** Individualized programs for infant and toddlers to grow and learn in a healthy learning environment. Preschool curriculum that meets age appropriate guidelines while nurturing each child to learn through play.

Registration and Tuition

- **Registration Begins: Open enrollment year round**
- **Registration Fee:** \$75.00
- **Tuition/Current Rates:** Call (847)-367-6110

Additional Information

- **Facilities:** Private owned 40 acres in Libertyville, space to grow, learn, and explore. Indoor/outdoor play space along with exceeding the square footage requirements from the state.
- **Accreditation:** N/A - DCFS/Health Department /Fire Department and all CDC guidelines are met or exceeded.
- **Length of time school has been in existence:** 1989
- **Website:** Please visit our website to learn more about us - [Libertyville Preschool - Young at Heart Center](#)

ADDITIONAL DIRECTORY

[DCFS Project Sunshine/Homebased Daycares](#)

This website is a resource for anyone interested in licensed childcare in Illinois—parents, providers, and the public. Not only can you find out about a licensed childcare facility's history, now you can learn about licensing standards, how to become a provider, where to find help with your childcare expenses, how to make a complaint, etc.

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