



2025

# PRESCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE DIRECTORY





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## PHILOSOPHY

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 & 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

### Class Size:

Varies by age groups

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Rolling admission

### Registration Fee:

\$150

### Tuition and Rates:

Contact the center for rates

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** NAEYC and ExceleRate Illinois  
Gold

**Facility Established:** 1999

Age-appropriate outdoor playgrounds, outdoor gardens, music room, library, and science lab.

# CDW AT PLAY CHILD CARE CENTER BY BRIGHT HORIZONS

165 N. Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

## 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.

### Preschoolers:

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.

### Kindergarteners:

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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Samantha Tuttle  
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(847) 367-6208  
[cchildcare.org](http://cchildcare.org) / [cpreschool.org](http://cpreschool.org)

## DAYS & HOURS

Monday-Friday:  
6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Year-round

### Registration Fee:

\$100

### Tuition and Rates:

Rates depend on the age of the child, whether they are attending all day care or preschool care, and how many days they attend per week/month. Tuition rates can be found on our websites.  
[cchildcare.org](http://cchildcare.org) / [cpreschool.org](http://cpreschool.org)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** None

**Facility Established:** Crossways  
Preschool was established in the 90's.  
Celebration Childcare opened in October  
2006.

# CELEBRATION CHILDCARE & CROSSWAYS PRESCHOOL

1151 North Saint Mary's Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

We seek to expand a child's world beyond the home and provide them with a well-rounded experience that develops each facet of their lives.

## CURRICULUM

We offer creative curriculum which invites the child to explore the unit topic throughout the classroom and all developmental domains.

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

Infants: 1:4

Toddlers (15 mos. & up): 1:5

Twos: 1:8

Preschool (3-5 yrs): 1:10

School-age: 1:15

### Student Age Range:

12 weeks – 12 years of age

### Toilet Training Policy:

Students work on their own toilet learning experience at their own speed. Students may enter our programs still in diapers and have the chance to work on potty training in our two's and three's classrooms.

### Class Size:

10-20 students depending on the classroom's age and ratio

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Sej Saed  
Email: [childrenshouseoflibertyville@gmail.com](mailto:childrenshouseoflibertyville@gmail.com)  
847-816-3590  
<https://www.childrenshouseoflibertyville.com>

## DAYS & HOURS

**Monday-Friday:**  
7:15 am-5:15 pm

The Children's House of Libertyville is offering an Extended Day Montessori Program for children ages 4-5. We also offer a exciting summer program for 3-5 year olds.

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

**Registration Begins:**  
Year-Round

**Registration Fee:**  
\$125 for 1 child  
\$150 for multiple children

**Tuition and Rates:**  
Infants- 5 days-\$415  
Toddler- 5 days -\$390  
Twos -\$375  
3-5-\$350  
Four and three day rates available

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** Montessori Affiliate

**Facility Established:** 1999

**Details about the physical space:**  
Six classrooms, three playgrounds and a blacktop area.

We offer an Infant Classroom, Toddler Classroom, Combined Infant/Toddler Classroom, Two year old classroom and two classrooms serving 3-5 year olds, as well as an Extended Day program.

# THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE OF LIBERTYVILLE

223 W. Golf Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

At the Children's House of Libertyville, we guide and follow the child, constantly striving to create an environment that is autonomous and independent, nurturing the development of each individual child. The Montessori Philosophy of Education is one of respect for self, others and the environment. We endeavor to be partners with you in the education and care of your child.

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum is built around each child's developmental interest. 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.

## THE STUDENTS

**Student Teacher Ratio:**  
Infant= 1-4, Toddler =1-5,  
Two's= 1-8, 3-5 Pre Primary =1-10

**Student Age Range:**  
6 weeks through 5 years

**Toilet Training Policy:**  
Potty training begins in year 2 and/or when the child is developmentally ready. Children applying for 3-5 year old class must be toilet-trained.

**Class Size:**  
12-20

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Kathy Davis  
Email: clcpreschooleaol.com  
847-367-5791  
christlutheranhv.org

## DAYS & HOURS

**Monday-Friday:**  
2-5 day options  
AM session 8:30-11:30  
PM session 11:30-2 pm  
Enrichment with extended hours until 4 pm

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

**Registration Begins:**  
February 1, 2025  
**Registration Fee:**  
\$125.00 non-refundable  
**Tuition and Rates:**  
\$225 - \$525 monthly tuition

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Facility Established:** 1993  
Large one-story building  
Six classrooms  
Small kitchen  
Outside fenced playground

# CHRIST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

595 N. Deerpath Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

## PHILOSOPHY

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.

## 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.

## THE STUDENTS

**Student Teacher Ratio:**  
8-10 to 1

**Student Age Range:**  
2-5 years

**Toilet Training Policy:**  
We do not require that your child be toilet trained

**Class Size:**  
8-20

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Rosario Echavez  
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847-247-0035 ext. 204  
[www.eastlakeacademy.org](http://www.eastlakeacademy.org)

## DAYS & HOURS

### Monday-Friday:

PreK 3 and 4 day - 8:00-11:30am  
PreK 3 options - 3 and 5 morning per week  
programs available  
PreK 4 - 5 morning per week program  
Optional PreK Plus - an extended day  
program until 3:00pm  
Optional Before and Aftercare available

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Rolling admissions

### Registration Fee:

\$150 application fee

### Tuition and Rates:

Call Director of Admissions, Alane Malicay for information or check out our website: [www.eastlakeacademy.org](http://www.eastlakeacademy.org)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Accreditation

RC Education Accreditation

### Facility Established: 2001

We have a new playground, indoor and outdoor basketball, turf soccer field, Science Lab, school library, music room and art room

*We understand that you are entrusting us with your precious child. We are dedicated and committed to educating, forming, and teaching your child in the classroom while we partner up with you, the primary educators, in raising confident, kind, smart, and joyful future leaders of society.*

# EAST LAKE ACADEMY

13911 W. Laurel Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045

## PHILOSOPHY

We are dedicated to forming the whole child by providing a program of accelerated academics, character, faith and apostolic formation. Our method is designed to develop our students as strong Catholic leaders who have a positive influence on society. East Lake Academy education focuses on the heart, mind and soul of our students, as they learn to love Catholic values and develop a sense of what is good, right, noble, just, and beautiful.

## CURRICULUM

A strong academic curriculum in the fundamentals including:

**Catholic Faith** - Faith in God, love of Jesus, Old and New Testament Bible stories, Pre-K mass, Holy Hour, chapel visits, introduction to service and virtue formation.

**Language arts** - letter recognition/phonics, beginning reading skills, speaking/listening skills, handwriting, sentence structure.

**Math** - number recognition/concepts, shapes, counting concepts, beginning addition/subtraction, time, money, calendar concepts.

**Science** - space, earth science/plants, water, life science/animals, human body, concepts of the scientific process.

**Social studies** - historical figures, patriotic themes, geography.

**Spanish** - colors, numbers, language basics through the communicative approach.

**Specials** - Gym, Music and Art weekly.

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

8:1 student/teacher ratio

### Student Age Range:

3-4-year-olds for Preschool Program  
(whole school is PreK-8th grade)

### Toilet Training Policy:

Students entering the PreK program are required to be fully potty-trained before admission.

### Class Size:

Maximum students in PreK class: 16 students



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Ros Harrison  
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224-343-7141  
Website: www.wps60.org

## DAYS & HOURS

**Monday-Friday:**  
8:25am-11:00am  
12:25pm-3:03pm  
8:25am-3:03pm  
9:10am-11:45am  
1:18-3:48pm

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

**Registration Begins:**  
Year-round  
**Registration Fee:**  
Free  
**Tuition and Rates:**  
None

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation**  
Preschool  
**Facility Established:** 2006  
We have 7 different sites, 6 are located within the elementary buildings and we have one standalone preschool site.

# EPIC PRESCHOOL

1201 N. Sheridan Road, Waukegan, IL 60085

## PHILOSOPHY

To offer children from birth to kindergarten and their families a system of high quality, well-coordinated, easily accessible services, that promote the education and care of young children, in conjunction with the Parent Infant and Education (PIE) program. That's an E.P.I.C. mission.

## CURRICULUM

Creative Curriculum (we're a program, consisting of 880 students spread over 7 sites-Waukegan Public schools District 60)

## THE STUDENTS

**Student Teacher Ratio:**  
20:1

**Student Age Range:**  
3-5

**Toilet Training Policy:**  
Students do not have to be toilet trained to participate in the program.

**Class Size:**  
20 per session/full day is 20,  
self-contained is 10 in each session

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Sarah McAuliffe  
Email:  
growingwithgracepreschool@gmail.com  
847-254-5820

## DAYS & HOURS

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

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Mid-January 2025

Check the website for exact dates

### Registration Fee:

\$100 for first child, \$25 for each additional child.

\$50 for Adventures class (if not registering for a core class) and Tiny Twos students.

### Tuition and Rates:

Check our website:  
[growingwithgracepreschool.org](http://growingwithgracepreschool.org)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Accreditation

ELEA member, DCFS Licensed

### Facility Established: 2006

Classrooms, multi-purpose room, playground, garden, bike area, grass field, and church sanctuary

# GROWING WITH GRACE PRESCHOOL

501 Valley Park Drive, Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

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.

## 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 and we use the Handwriting without Tears program and the Bridges math curriculum.

## 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

### Class Size:

10 students in Two's programs and 15 students in

Three's/Four's/Adventures programs

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Julie Herchenbach  
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847-367-3075  
[libertyvillerecreation.com](http://libertyvillerecreation.com)

## DAYS & HOURS

2-3 years Tues/Fri. 8:45-11:00 AM  
3-4 years Mon/Wed/Thurs 8:45-11:15 AM  
Pre-K Mon/Wed/Thurs 8:45-11:15 AM  
Enrichment-11:45-2:15PM

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

February 1, 2024

### Registration Fee:

\$100

### Tuition and Rates:

2's R/NR \$1,845/\$1,980

3's & pre-k R/NR \$2,970/\$3,105

Can be paid monthly Sept-May or in full at  
registration

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Facility Established:** Over 35 years  
ago

We occupy a self-contained building  
that has indoor large motor facilities as  
well as a fenced in playground  
surrounded by nature.

Also offer Lunch Bunch and Enrichment  
classes.

# KINDER KORNER PRESCHOOL

870 Country Club Dr., Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

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.

## 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.

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

2-3 years 6:1, Other-7:1

### Student Age Range:

2-5 years

### Toilet Training Policy:

2's do not need to be potty trained, all others -Yes

### Class Size:

Max 7-14

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Adrienne Johnson  
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847-367-0926  
[www.libertyvilleco-op.net](http://www.libertyvilleco-op.net)

## DAYS & HOURS

### Monday - Friday

8:45 - 11:15, Extended Day options available

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

January - ongoing with availability

### Registration Fee:

Contact the school office for current rates  
or visit us at [www.libertyvilleco-op.net](http://www.libertyvilleco-op.net)

### Tuition and Rates:

Contact the school office for current  
programs and tuition rates or visit  
[www.libertyvilleco-op@att.net](http://www.libertyvilleco-op@att.net)

\*\*Parent Helper Opt-Out fees are  
available

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** Licensed by IL  
Department of Children and Family  
Services

**Facility Established:** 1945

Fenced in playground, bikes/scooters  
Child-sized restrooms in most  
classrooms

# LIBERTYVILLE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

1190 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

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.

## 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 explanatory learning opportunities.

## 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*

### Class Size:

Varies by age and classroom



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Katie O'Brien  
Email: [obrienkehawthorn73.org](mailto:obrienkehawthorn73.org)  
847-949-2720  
<https://ls.hawthorn73.org/>

## DAYS & HOURS

Students are assigned a morning or afternoon session based on home address.

**Morning session runs from 8AM-10:30 M-F.**  
**Afternoon Session runs 12:30-2:45 M-F.**

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Registration is open all year, students must first participate in a screening offered several times per year.

### Registration Fee:

N/A

### Tuition and Rates:

N/A

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Accreditation:

Preschool for All Grant Funded

Lincoln Early Learning Center has a completely fenced playground, sensory and gross motor spaces, and large classroom spaces.

Nestled at the north end of the city of Mundelein, **Lincoln Early Learning Center** has 7 Hawthorn classrooms, an outdoor playground, two indoor gymnasiums and a library space. There are additional classrooms in the building operated by Mundelein School District 75 (4 classrooms) and Fremont School District 79 (4 classrooms)

# LINCOLN EARLY LEARNING CENTER-DISTRICT 73

200 West Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060

## PHILOSOPHY

Lincoln Early Learning Center is a unique preschool setting that hosts preschool students from Mundelein, Fremont and Hawthorn school districts. Hawthorn's preschool includes blended preschool for all classrooms (students are screened to determine eligibility) and early childhood special education preschool classrooms (students are eligible through an individualized education plan).

## CURRICULUM

Early Learning Center uses Creative Curriculum, a play-based preschool program to enhance and master skills through experiential learning.

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

Preschool for All Classes 20:1, Early Childhood Classrooms 10:1

### Student Age Range:

3-5 years

### Toilet Training Policy:

Students do not need to be toilet trained to attend Preschool for All or Early Childhood

### Class Size:

Preschool for All - 20 students per class, Early Childhood up to 10 students per class

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Cindy Sementa  
Email: [csementa@d75.org](mailto:csementa@d75.org)  
847-949-2720  
<https://www.d75.org/lincoln>

## DAYS & HOURS

### **Traditional school calendar**

5 days a week August-May  
Winter, Spring and Summer Breaks.

**Days off for:** holidays, school improvement, and student screening.

AM and PM sessions  
2.5 hours daily.

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### **Registration Begins:**

Students must be 3 to register and must qualify. To qualify students must be a resident of Mundelein School District 75 and meet at-risk factors following a screening or be eligible for Special Education.

**Registration Fee:**  
\$120

**2024-2025 Tuition and Rates:**  
Free is eligible

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lincoln Early Learning Center has 17 classroom shared by three districts. A library, playground, and 2 indoor gross motor spaces.

# LINCOLN EARLY LEARNING CENTER- MUNDELEIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 75

200 West Maple, Mundelein, IL 60060

## PHILOSOPHY

Mundelein ESD 75 offers preschool programming to students identified as at-risk during the screening process or students who qualify for special education programming. Preschool for All (PFA) is a general education grant funded classroom for students who qualify based on the District's screening process. PFA classes are taught by general education teachers and have twenty students per section. Each classroom is staffed with a teacher and a paraprofessional.

## CURRICULUM

We utilize the creative curriculum. The Creative Curriculum for Preschool empowers children to be confident, creative, and caring learners through play-based, hands-on investigations—a research-based approach that incorporates language, literacy, and mathematics throughout the day.

## THE STUDENTS

### **Student Teacher Ratio:**

20 students to 1 teacher with 1 paraprofessional in PFA  
10 students to 1 teacher and 1 paraprofessional in Special Education

### **Student Age Range:**

3 & 4 year olds

### **Toilet Training Policy:**

Students do not need to be toilet trained

### **Class Size:**

10-20 students

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Katie O'Brien  
Email: [kobrien@fsd79.org](mailto:kobrien@fsd79.org)  
847-949-2720  
<https://ls.hawthorn73.org/>

## DAYS & HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
8:30–11:00am and 12:45–3:15pm  
**Wednesday**  
8:30–11:00am and 12:30–3:00pm

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

**Registration Begins:**  
Ongoing

**Registration Fee:**  
Early Childhood: \$75 beginning of year  
(prorated during year)

**Tuition and Rates:**  
N/A

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Facility Established:** 2013

Lincoln Early Learning Center has a completely fenced playground, sensory and gross motor spaces, and large classroom spaces.

Nestled at the north end of the city of Mundelein, **Lincoln Early Learning Center** has 7 Hawthorn classrooms, an outdoor playground, two indoor gymnasiums and a library space. There are additional classrooms in the building operated by Mundelein School District 75 (4 classrooms) and Fremont School District 79 (4 classrooms)

# LINCOLN EARLY LEARNING CENTER- DISTRICT 79

200 West Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060

## PHILOSOPHY

Lincoln Early Learning Center is a unique preschool setting that hosts preschool students from Mundelein, Fremont and Hawthorn school districts.

Curiosity, creativity, and growth are at the heart of all we do. Children master skills through play, ensuring every child is prepared for a successful future.

## CURRICULUM

Creative curriculum is a play-based preschool program to enhance and master skills through experiential learning.

## THE STUDENTS

### **Student Teacher Ratio:**

Self-Contained Early Childhood Special Education: 10:3, PFA Blended Program 20:3

### **Student Age Range:**

3–5 years

### **Toilet Training Policy:**

It is not mandatory for students to be toilet trained for students to attend.

### **Class Size:**

Self-Contained Early Childhood Special Education: 10 students;  
PFA Blended Program: 20 students

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Katie Tantillo  
Email: [director@lcns.org](mailto:director@lcns.org)  
847-945-1450  
[www.lcns.org](http://www.lcns.org)

## DAYS & HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Registration opens early December each year. Rolling admission is accepted if space permits.

**Registration Fee:**  
\$175

**Tuition and Rates:**  
Please check  
<https://www.lcns.org/overview/> for  
current tuition rates and class offerings

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** Lincolnshire Community Nursery School is proudly a NAEYC accredited preschool! NAEYC stands for the National Association for the Education of Young Children and this professional membership promotes high quality early learning standards and helps parents find the best possible early childhood experience for their children. LCNS is also licensed by the IL Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

**Facility Established:** 1973

# LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL

30 Riverwoods Rd., Lincolnshire, IL 60069

## PHILOSOPHY

Since 1973, LCNS has been providing rewarding preschool programs that encourage children to learn through hands on discovery and play. Carefully guided play helps a child to think critically, solve problems creatively and develop a positive attitude towards school. Developmentally appropriate activities shape our curricula and allow young children to feel confident about themselves and the world around them. Knowledgeable, warm, and nurturing educators foster a love of learning and enthusiasm for school.

## CURRICULUM

LCNS offers a rich and engaging play based curriculum that is developmentally appropriate. Our hands on activities and classroom environment support all areas of early childhood development.

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

PreK 8:1  
Threes 7:1  
Twos 5:1

### Student Age Range:

2-5 years in our drop-off programs  
15-24 months in our Caregiver & Tot class

### Toilet Training Policy:

Flexible

### Class Size:

Twos - maximum 10, 3s - maximum 14, Pre-K - maximum 16

## DETAILS ABOUT THE SPACE

Lincolnshire Community Nursery School is tucked away in the woods next to Lake County's Ryerson Forest Preserve. We have 3 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose space, a large indoor gross motor space, and a beautiful outdoor playground.

Please reach out for a tour to see what makes Lincolnshire Community Nursery School so special!



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Julie Freels  
Email: [julief@vhparkdistrict.org](mailto:julief@vhparkdistrict.org)  
847-996-6800  
[vhparkdistrict.org](http://vhparkdistrict.org)

## DAYS & HOURS

Varies – Class schedules available online at  
[vhparkdistrict.org](http://vhparkdistrict.org)

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Open enrollment year round

### Registration Fee:

Available online

<https://www.vhparkdistrict.org/programs/childcare/>

### Tuition and Rates:

Available online

<https://www.vhparkdistrict.org/programs/childcare/>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** N/A

### Details about the physical space:

A secure, beautiful facility opened in January 2017 with four large classrooms equipped with child-sized restrooms. Facility amenities include an outdoor playground, full-size gymnasium, and multi-purpose space.

# LITTLE LEARNERS PRESCHOOL VERNON HILLS PARK DISTRICT

635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

## PHILOSOPHY

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.

## CURRICULUM

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. Children participate in a variety of learning opportunities designed to develop independence, problem-solving, critical-thinking, creativity, 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.

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

2s – 1:7, 3s – 1:9, 4s – 1:10

### Student Age Range:

Ages 2-4

### Class Size:

2s-14; 3s-18; 4s-20

**Toilet Training Policy:** Children enrolled in two-year-old preschool may wear diapers or pull-ups to class. If your child needs to be changed while at class, a parent/caregiver will be contacted for assistance. Instructors are not responsible for changing soiled clothing. A parent/guardian or caring adult must be available within fifteen minutes.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Kim Forker  
Email: kim4kreaol.com  
847-362-7675

## DAYS & HOURS

### Monday thru Friday

9:00am to 11:30

Lunch Bunch extended to 12:30pm

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

January 13, 2025

### Registration Fee:

\$125.00

### Tuition and Rates:

2 Day program-\$290.00 per month

3 Day program-\$410.00 per month

4 Day program-\$545.00 per month

5 Day program-\$680.00 per month

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** Licensed with The  
Department of Children and Family  
Services.

**Facility Established:** 1969.  
The Libertyville school started in 1984.

The school is on an acre lot.  
The school has 2 large classrooms  
along with 2 bathrooms.

Fenced in playground.

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, and strategies.

Matigian Preschool offers 2 summer  
programs along with water play.

# MATIGIAN PRESCHOOL

30450 N. Center Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy 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.

## CURRICULUM

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

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

Room 1: 18 children, 4 teachers

Room 2: 20 children, 2 teachers

### Student Age Range:

2 years- 6 Years

### Toilet Training Policy:

Our program accepts children that are not potty trained

### Class Size:

Room 1: 18 children

Room 2: 20 children

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Holli Blumberg  
Email: mums1401lake@aol.com  
847-566-4345

## DAYS & HOURS

**Monday thru Friday**  
6:30a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Open

### Registration Fee:

1 child \$125  
2 children \$150  
3 or more \$175

### 2024-2025 Tuition and Rates:

FULL DAY PROGRAM M-T-W-TH-F  
6:30am-6:00pm (currently closing at  
4:45pm)

**Infants** 5 days 380.00/week  
3 days 265.00/week

**Toddlers** 5 days 360.00/week  
3 days 250.00/week

**Two's** 5 days 340.00/week  
3 days 240.00/week

**3-6 yrs** 5 days 320.00/week  
3 days 230.00/week

**Before Elementary School**  
5 days 105.00/week

**After Elementary School**  
5 days 140.00/week

**Before & After Elementary School**  
5 days 190.00/week

Full Day/Week off Public School 310/week

Full Day/Week off Public School 310/week

Transportation charge 75/family/month

\*20 additional for multiple schools

\*\*Subject to change based on family size  
and number of schools attended per  
family

Children IDHS school fee 150.00-1 child,  
165.00- 2 Children, 190.00- 3 Children or  
more. This is per family on a monthly basis.

# MUNDELEIN MONTESSORI

1401 South Lake Street, Mundelein, IL 60060

## PHILOSOPHY

Nurturing one child at a time. Each child will succeed in different ways.

## CURRICULUM

A year round program for children that focuses on enhancing the simple joy of childhood while equipping teachers to nurture curiosity through exploration.

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

4 to 1 Infants  
5 to 1 Toddler  
8 to 1 Two's  
10 to 1 Preschool, 3-6 yrs.  
10 to 1 School-Agers

### Student Age Range:

6 weeks - 12 years

### Toilet Training Policy:

Every child is different

### Class Size:

Smaller than average

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** N/A.

**Facility Established:** 2001

Playground with a lot of open space.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Cindy Smith  
Email: [cindy.smith@stjohnslib.com](mailto:cindy.smith@stjohnslib.com)  
847-367-1441  
[stjohnslib.com](http://stjohnslib.com)

## DAYS & HOURS

### Monday - Friday

7:50 am - 3:15 pm

Before and After school care is available  
beginning at 6:30 am and ending at 6:00 pm.

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

Ongoing

### Registration Fee 2024/2025:

\$85

### 2024-2025 Tuition and Rates:

\$189 per week

\$754 per month

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** Grade School WELSA  
and NCPSA

**Facility Established:** Over 50 years  
ago

### Details about the physical space:

At St. John Preschool our curriculum  
consists of social, emotional, and  
academic studies that help to foster  
the growth of each child. We offer a  
large variety of hands on and play  
experiences, along with many child  
led and teacher led activities.

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

501 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

St. John Lutheran School exists to nurture children in  
faith and intellect, equipping them for Christian lives of  
service.

## CURRICULUM

At St. John Preschool our curriculum consists of social,  
emotional, and academic studies that help to foster the growth  
of each child. We offer a large variety of hands on and play  
experiences, along with many child led and teacher led  
activities.

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

Three's - 8:1

Four's - 10:1

### Student Age Range:

3-5 years

### Toilet Training Policy:

Children must be potty trained

### Class Size:

8-12 students



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Jennifer Stephens  
Email: [jstephens@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:jstephens@stjoseph-libertyville.org)  
847.362.0730  
[www.sjscatholic.org](http://www.sjscatholic.org)

## DAYS & HOURS

### Monday thru Friday

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

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

### Registration Begins:

December 2, 2024

### Registration Fee:

\$200 Registration fee

### Tuition and Rates:

Tuition deposit starting at \$350.

Varies by program.

See the website [www.sjscatholic.org](http://www.sjscatholic.org) for details.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** Accredited through the Illinois State Board of Education

### Facility Established: 1990

Dedicated classrooms with bathrooms within St. Joseph Catholic School. Playground, gym, library, media center, church.

Extended Day Program is available for children registered in our PK 4's programs.

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

221 Park Place, Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

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 literature, 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 play that is meaningful. A child's play is their "work." We provide both guided and free play activities 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.

## CURRICULUM

Children learn through their senses. Our curriculum utilizes monthly themes, incorporating different, interactive approaches to reinforce the concept being introduced. The following curriculum areas are included in our preschool program: Religion, Reading, Language Arts, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Math Readiness, Science/Discovery, Social Studies/Character Education, My Big World by Scholastic, Creative Arts Activities, Music & Movement, Physical Education, Library/Media, Art Appreciation, In-House Field Trips

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

10:1

### Student Age Range:

3-4 years

### Toilet Training Policy:

Children must be toilet trained

### Class Size:

20

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Ann Phillips  
Email: [vgmschool@icloud.com](mailto:vgmschool@icloud.com)  
847-281-9911  
[www.villagegreenmontessori.com](http://www.villagegreenmontessori.com)

## DAYS & HOURS

**Monday thru Friday**  
7:30 AM-4:30 PM

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

**Registration Begins:**  
Priority – Current Families: January 6  
Open Enrollment: January 27

**Registration Fee:**  
\$200

**Tuition and Rates:**  
Available online at  
[villagegreenmontessori.com](http://villagegreenmontessori.com)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** Affiliated with  
American Montessori Society &  
Association of Illinois Montessori  
Schools

**Facility Established:** 2002  
5 classrooms, large multi-purpose  
room /big gym

# VILLAGE GREEN MONTESSORI

125 West Church Street, Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

Montessori school- children grow socially and emotionally while  
building character & independence

## CURRICULUM

Rich curriculum including language, math, science, cultural, art,  
music, and yoga.

## THE STUDENTS

**Student Teacher Ratio:**  
8/1

**Student Age Range:**  
2-6 years

**Toilet Training Policy:**  
Children 3-6 years of age must be potty trained before  
start of school.

**Class Size:**  
18

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Amy Thomas  
Email:  
youngatheartpreschooldaycare@gmail.com  
847-367-6110  
www.youngatheartcenter.com

## DAYS & HOURS

**Monday thru Friday**  
6:30 AM-5:00 PM

We are open year-round only closing for the six major holidays

## THE STUDENTS

### Student Teacher Ratio:

We follow the guidelines of DCFS for teacher child ratio. Currently we have 1:5 ratio in our 2's and 3's room, and 1:6 in our PreK room.

### Student Age Range:

We accept children ages 6 weeks to age 6.

### Toilet Training Policy:

We begin helping the child in the toileting process at age two and continue to establish awareness by using an individualized plan for the approach of toileting. We understand that toileting is individual and work with the child to become toilet trained before the age of 4.

### Class Size:

Our large rooms can support many children, but we feel that smaller groups are more beneficial to the wellbeing of the children. Infants, who can have 12, try to stay under 9 in a classroom. Twos, who can have 16, also work around 10 children. Our two preschool rooms tend to stay under 14 when there is availability for 20 in each room.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This center was the first in Illinois to open an Intergenerational adult/childcare center.

The program develops and implements interactions of these diverse age groups to meet on a consistent basis. This creates a bond and an ease among all the participants and allows both generations the opportunity to share in meaningful life experiences. Our program chooses to continue quality care without the advances of technology to continue the family feel that we have with the children and families.

# YOUNG AT HEART

610 Peterson Road, Libertyville, IL 60048

## PHILOSOPHY

Young at Heart center strives to meet the needs of young children and their families by incorporating the physical, social emotional, and cognitive development of children in everyday interactions and communications. We encourage children to meet, explore and expand upon their individual capabilities. Working with Libertyville manor, we have an intergenerational program that enhances children's understanding of care and relationships.

## CURRICULUM

Young at Heart Intergenerational Center encourages children to learn through a variety of experiences. Basic care is an important element of the center's program. Children six weeks to 15 months are guided, encouraged, and stimulated to achieve milestones at their individual developmental pace. Children ages fifteen months to six years are introduced to a wide variety of equipment and situations to promote development in the cognitive, physical, emotional and social domains. The curriculum centers around learning through play. Art, music, sensory, large and small motor, language arts, intergenerational programming, small groups, dramatic play, math, science and outdoors time are some of the many activities offered on a daily basis. Rotation and sharing equipment keeps the program interesting and stimulates individuals at their developmental levels. Adapting the program to meet the needs of the individual child allows opportunity to use play and discovery in meeting their learning potential. Sanitation, hand washing, meals and individualized attention are all maintained at a high standard on a daily basis. Throughout the center, the management and staff always strive to provide a caring, safe, learning atmosphere.

## REGISTRATION & TUITION

**Registration Begins:** We are open year-round

**Registration Fee:** \$75 per child

**Tuition and Rates:** Our tuition is based weekly and goes by age of the child. Tuition rates are as follows (as of January 1st, 2025) for full time care. Please note we also offer 2,3 and 4 days a week as well as a preschool hour day (8:30-12:30).

**Infants-** \$400, **Toddlers-** \$375, **2 Years old-** \$355,  
**3-6 Years old-** \$325.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

**Accreditation:** Licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and family services (DCFS) as a childcare facility.

**Facility Established:** 1989 Family owned and operated  
Located on a 40 acre campus. Our child care rooms are spacious and brightly decorated. A large indoor multi purpose atrium was created in order to bring the outdoors in for our special programs. The playground is conveniently located in a sheltered and secure area In addition to our playground, we have grounds to explore as well. We have a field, a garden and many other hills and fun areas to explore on site.

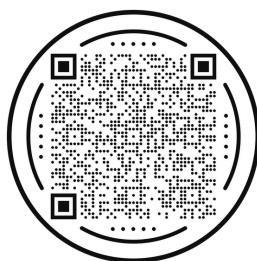
# DCFS SUNSHINE PROJECT

<https://sunshine.dcf.illinois.gov/Content/Licensing/Daycare/ProviderLookup.aspx>

## ABOUT

This website is a resource for anyone interested in licensed childcare in Illinois, including home-based care—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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# EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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## BIRTH TO FIVE ILLINOIS

Contact: Dane Cruz

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✉ [dcruz@birthtofiveil.com](mailto:dcruz@birthtofiveil.com)

📍 1200 University Ave Grayslake, IL 60030

🌐 <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/region34>

## SERVICES

To create a statewide regional infrastructure that will amplify input from communities in the development of policies and funding priorities. We support the mobilization of communities to build and sustain equitable access to inclusive, high-quality Early Childhood services for all children and families in the state of Illinois. Reimagining a more equitable Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) system that respects family and community voice and works to ensure it is centered and prioritized at every level of decision-making in Illinois.



## CLEMENTINE EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY

Contact: Jessica Brown

☎ 847-770-0130

✉ [hello@clementinecommunity.com](mailto:hello@clementinecommunity.com)

📍 526 N. Milwaukee Ave Libertyville, IL 60048

🌐 [clementinecommunity.com](http://clementinecommunity.com)

## SERVICES

Clementine offers weekly classes with carefully prepared activities that support children's whole development and session events that help families build community. The Montessori materials, classroom environment, and philosophy build children's concentration, independence, and coordination, allowing them to pursue their interests, encourage curiosity, and experience the joy of learning.



## MOBILE THERAPY CLINIC

Contact: Hannah Bernal and  
Missy Schufreider

☎ 847-816-7200

✉ [hbernal@mtcus.com](mailto:hbernal@mtcus.com),  
[mschufreider@mtcus.com](mailto:mschufreider@mtcus.com)

📍 854 Technology Way, Libertyville, 60048

🌐 <https://mtcus.com>

## SERVICES

MTC sees children at our Libertyville & Crystal Lake clinics, at the child's home and at the child's school/daycare. MTC offers full and half day ABA Therapy for kids with Autism ages 2-6 at our clinics. Our Preschool-like settings provide a natural environment mimicking a real school day.

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# EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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## PEDIATRIC INTERACTIONS

Contact: Laura Yoder

☎ 847-223-7433

✉ lauray@pediatricinteractions.com

📍 649 Barron Blvd. Grayslake, IL 60030

🌐 pediatricinteractions.com

## SERVICES

We offer Speech, Language and Feeding Therapy. As well as a Thumbsucking Program and Early Intervention Services. We empower families with knowledge to help their child! Families can trust that we care about their child and have empathy for what your family may be experiencing.



## TOUCHSTONE THERAPY CENTER

Contact: Hilary Davis

☎ 847-996-6666

✉ info@touchstonetherapycenter.com

📍 200 N Fairway Dr Ste 208  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

🌐 www.touchstonetherapycenter.com

## SERVICES

Touchstone Therapy Center and Therapediatrics help families thrive by supporting them in their growth throughout their lifespan. We are a multidisciplinary therapy facility using collaboration with Speech, Occupational, Physical, and Behavioral Health Therapies as well as Parent Coaching and Webinars.



## UNITED WAY OF LAKE COUNTY

Contact: Rosa Herrera

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✉ rosa.herrera@uwlakeco.org

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🌐 <https://www.liveunitedlakecounty.org>

## SERVICES

**Bright by Text**, is committed to contributing to a world in which every child and family can thrive. That's why we share helpful tips, info and activities on physical and mental health, social-emotional wellbeing, safety, brain development, connections, encouragement and more. **Bright by Text** messages include research-based content on child development and learning, as well as information about valuable community services and events happening right here in Lake County. Designed for children prenatal to age 11 text messages are available in both English and Spanish. To sign up, text "UWLC" to 274448.

## NOTES



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