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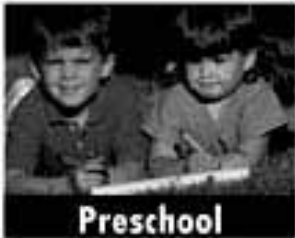


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Welcome to our PreSchool Directory

Together with the support of area preschools, we are proud to bring you a Fox Valley Preschool Guide. Preschools in the Fox Valley area (particularly Batavia, Geneva, and St. Charles) were offered a free page to describe their preschool program. There is a quick listing of all area schools in the front, along with a helpful checklist of what to look for when choosing a preschool. All prices reflected in this directory are current as of Spring 2006, and are subject to change, so please check with the individual preschool. We hope this resource proves helpful in your preschool search. Be sure to check out our web site

www.BataviaMothersClub.org

for more information about our organization and how we assist the children within the Fox Valley area.

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Name	City	Phone	2 yrs	Pre k	Full Day	Half Day	Toliet Requir.	Pg #	Cost
Agape Children's Center	Warrenville	393-4205				x	yes	15	\$
Batavia Covenant	Batavia	879-3795	x	x		x	yes	16	\$\$
Batavia Nursery School	Batavia	879-1999		x		x	yes	17	\$\$
Bethlehem Preschool Center	St. Charles	584-6027		x	x	x	yes	18	\$\$\$
Bridges Montessori	St. Charles	513-9742		x		x	yes	19	
Chesterbrook Academy	St. Charles	513-8282							
Creative Beginnings	Elburn	365-9555							
DaVinci Academy	Elgin	841-7532		x		x	yes	20	\$\$\$\$
Faith Christian Beginner	Geneva	232-8533		x		x	yes	21	\$\$
First Baptist Preschool	St. Charles	584-6768	x	x		x	yes	22	\$\$
Four Winds Waldorf School	Warrenville	836-9400	x	x		x	yes	23	\$\$\$\$
Fox Valley Christian Academy	Geneva	208-1000			x	x	yes	24	\$\$\$\$
Fox Valley Monetssori School	Aurora	896-7557	x			x	no	25	\$\$\$\$
GingerCare Christian	Aurora	631-0182		x	x	x	no	26	
Goddard School	Aurora	898-8411	x			x	yes	27	
Grace Christian Academy	Geneva	208-1000							
The Growing Place	Geneva	232-7448					yes	28	\$\$
Hand In Hand Christian	Geneva	208-4903		x		x	yes	29	\$\$\$\$
Hosanna Preschool	St. Charles	584-1575							
Immanuel Luthern Preschool	Batavia	406-0157				x	yes	30	
Kaneville Community Center	Kaneville	557-2424	x	x	x	x	yes	31	\$\$\$
Kensington School of Geneva	Geneva	990-8000	x	x	x	x	no	32	
Kensington School-St. Charles	St. Charles	513-9800	x	x	x	x	no	33	
Kiddie Academy	Batavia	761-4500							

Cost: The average cost based on monthly cost for 2 half-days per week:
 \$=\$0-95; \$\$=\$96-115; \$\$\$=116-135; \$\$\$\$=136+

Name	City	Phone	2 yrs	Pre k	Full Day	Half Day	Toliet Requir.	Pg #	Cost
Kid's Connection	St. Charles	587-9400	x	x		x	no	34	\$\$\$\$
Kinder Care Learning	Geneva	232-1699							
Kinder Care Learning	Geneva	232-1703							
Kinder Care Learning	St. Charles	587-9150							
Kinder Care Learning	St. Charles	584-2333							
La Petite Academy	Geneva	232-4890	x	x	x	x	yes	35	
Learning Ladders Center	Batavia	406-0005							
Little Bit Country Pre-School	Batavia	879-6898	x	x		x	yes	36	\$\$\$\$
Little Knights Early Learning	Elburn	365-3528							
Lord of Life Preschool	Lafox	513-7346		x		x	yes	37	\$\$
Mansio Mens Montessori	Geneva	232-6750	x	x	x	x	yes	38	\$\$\$\$
Montessori Academy	Batavia	879-2586		x	x	x	yes	39	
New England	Aurora	897-8731	x	x		x	yes	40	\$
New Horizons	Batavia	406-5282	x	x		x	yes	41	\$
Polka Dot Dragon Preschool	N. Aurora	801-4868		x	x	x	yes	42	\$\$\$
Resurrection Lutheran	Aurora	377-1313				x	yes	43	\$
Rivers Edge Kindercare	Batavia	879-9977	x	x	x	x	no	44	
Share & Care Center	N. Aurora	892-2818	x	x	x	x	yes	45	\$\$
St. Mark's Nurturing Center	St. Charles	584-4850		x		x	yes	46	\$\$\$
St. Peter's School	Geneva	232-0476							
Swing Set Preschool	St. Charles	443-8570		x		x	yes	47	\$\$
Wesley Nursery School	Aurora	631-5474		x		x	yes	48	\$\$

Cost: The average cost based on monthly cost for 2 half-days per week:
 \$=\$0-95; \$\$=\$96-115; \$\$\$=116-135; \$\$\$\$=136+

10 Signs of a Great Preschool

- Children spend most of their playing and working with materials or other children. They do not wander aimlessly, and they are not expected to sit quietly for long periods of time.
- Children have access to various activities throughout the day. Look for assorted building blocks and other construction materials, props for pretend play, picture books, paints and other art materials, and table toys such as matching games, pegboards, and puzzles. Children should not all be doing the same thing at the same time.
- Teachers work with individual children, small groups, and the whole group at different times during the day. They do not spend all their time with the whole group.
- The classroom is decorated with children's original artwork, their own writing with invented spelling, and stories dictated by children to teachers.
- Children learn numbers and the alphabet in the context of their everyday experiences. The natural world of plants and animals and meaningful activities like cooking, taking attendance, or serving snack provide the basis for learning activities.
- Children work on projects and have long periods of time (at least one hour) to play and explore. Worksheets are used little if at all.
- Children have an opportunity to play outside every day. Outdoor play is never sacrificed for more instructional time.
- Teachers read books to children individually or in small groups throughout the day, not just at group story time.
- Curriculum is adapted for those who are ahead as well as those who need additional help. Teachers recognize that children's different background and experiences mean that they do not learn the same things at the same time in the same way.
- Children and their parents look forward to school. Parents feel secure about sending their child to the program. Children are happy to attend; they do not cry regularly or complain of feeling sick.

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Preschool Checklist

Program

- Does the program have a clear written statement of goals & philosophy?
- Do the goals address ALL areas of children's development, including social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development?
- Does the program offer a balance of individual, small and large group?
- Does it offer a balance of spontaneous play and teacher-guided activities?
- Are children provided regular opportunities for outdoor play?
- Do the activities encourage self-expression; allow for the development of various fine and large motor skills; and expose the children to literature, language experiences, music, art, science, and nature?
- Does the program encourage and respond to children's spontaneous interests in the beginnings of reading, writing, and counting?
- Does the staff solicit and follow children's interests in the world around them?
- Do the content and materials of the program reflect cultural diversity and nonsexist attitudes?
- Is there a balance among small group activities, rest and quiet periods, and vigorous outdoor activities?
- Are phonics and math basics emphasized in daily activities?
- Is there storytime everyday?
- Are assessments done to measure your child's growth and development at least twice a year?
- Does each child have an accessible cubbyhole for personal belongings?
- Is there a variety of play materials? (blocks and puzzles; sand and water;

- art materials; dress-up and imaginative play props; books; musical instruments; plants and animals or fish.)
- Does the class take field trips? Where to, and are parents invited?
- Are there extracurricular activities?
- Does the school's program include any values curriculum?
- Do the classrooms contain different kinds of spaces so children can find small quiet places when they need to?
- Are there weekly themes such as seasons, animals, holidays, etc.?
- What if your child doesn't want to participate in a certain activity, is his decision respected?

Staff

- Are the teachers trained in early childhood education?
- Does the director have experience as a teacher?
- Are caregivers trained in first aid? CPR?
- Are there regular parent-teacher conferences?
- Has the staff been stable over the past few years?
- Is there daily communication about your child's day?
- Is there weekly communication of activities and what your child is learning?
- Does the staff welcome parents as visitors and participants, and respect parents' preferences/ ideas?
- In their interactions with children, do the teachers express warmth, interest, and respect for each child?
- Are positive methods used to guide behavior?
- Number of teachers and assistants (According to the NAEYC, for 2- to

3-year-olds, there should be no more than 14 kids, with two adults; for 4- and 5-year-olds, the group should be no larger than 20 kids, with at least two adults)

- Do they talk and listen to the children, both individually and in groups? Is their tone patronizing or respectful?
- Do the teachers meet regularly to discuss the class and evaluate and modify the curriculum?
- What happens when a teacher or assistant is sick?
- Are the teachers engaged with the children most of the time?

- Are parents expected to be involved in fundraising/other school activities?
- Is there a parent bulletin board to let you know what's happening?
- Does the school offer any resources for parents, such as parent education nights, referrals to agencies, notices of family-worthy events in the community?
- Is the indoor temperature adequate, is there air circulating, is the daycare smell clean, and is the room well lit?
- Are the lunches and snacks prepared on site?
- Are the menu's based on the four food groups: meat, fruits, vegetables and dairy?
- Do they have fried food and offer junk food?
- Did you see fire extinguishers and fire escape plans?
- Did you feel comfortable asking questions?
- Did the director offer more info?

Physical Environment

- Is there an attractive spacious outdoor area for safe and vigorous outdoor play and activity that are fenced in and monitored?
- Is there a sufficient supply of equipment for the size of the group?
- Are the snacks and meals of sufficient nutritional quality (are allergies taken into account)?
- Is the classroom decorated with the children's artwork, handwriting and stories?
- Is the building safe, clean, and well-maintained?
- Are entrances secured with electronic key pads?
- Is there a safety plan in place in case of emergency?
- Are there secure pick-up/drop-off procedures in place?
- Are sick children who are contagious kept at home?
- Are immunizations required?


School Policies

- Is the school accredited by the NAEYC?
- Are parents required to pack a snack for their child, or the class?

Early Childhood Screenings

The Batavia Public Schools offers early childhood screenings throughout the school year to determine whether children are developing within expected limits.

If you would like to schedule your child for a screening, please contact Kathie Johnson at the Batavia School District at 879-4600, ext 4014.



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28W444 Main Street, Warrenville, IL
630-393-4205; asherlock@cbc4me.com

Director

Andre Sherlock, Director
Christian perspective

Philosophy

Our philosophy here at Agape is based on learning through experience. We are designed to meet the emotional, social, intellectual, physical and spiritual needs of the young child.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

3 year olds: T/TH 9:30am-12pm

4 year olds: M/W/F 9:30am-12pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:10

Average class size: 16

Licensed capacity: 80

Years in service: 30

% of returning teachers: 100%

Required Toilet training yes no

Required Parent Involvement yes no

Offers summer classes yes no

Teachers require degrees yes no

Aides require degrees yes no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Circle Time
- Small Group Work and Play Time
- Large Motor Time
- Snack

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$50

2 day program - \$95/month

3 day program - \$130/month

Registration Procedure

Please call for mor information.

Batavia Covenant Preschool

1314 W. Main St.
Batavia, IL 60510
630-879-3795

Director

Brenda Shover, Director
Christian perspective

Philosophy

Batavia Covenant Preschool is designed to serve children and their families. Our purpose is to provide a Christian environment for the growth and development of the young child. Theme related activities include art, music, cooking science and school readiness. By providing a safe and fun environment, we hope to meet the child's needs physically, emotionally, socially, cognitively and spiritually.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

2 year olds: F 9:30-11:30am
3 year olds: M/W 9:30 am-12 pm
T/TH 9:30 am-12 pm
4 year olds: M/W/F 9:30 am-12 pm
M/W/F 12:30-3 pm
T/TH 9:30 am-12 pm
Pre-K: M-Th 9:30 am-12 pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:8	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 50	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 14	Teachers require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 99%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Circle/group time • Free choice/craft • Large muscle development
- Snack • Small muscle development

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$30
1 day program - \$52/month
2 day program - \$110/month
3 day program - \$142/month
4 day program - \$183/month

Registration Procedure

Registration begins in February, beginning with current students, then siblings/church members and then opens to the community.

Batavia Nursery School

Congregational Church of Batavia
21 S. Batavia Ave.; Batavia, IL 60510
630-879-1999; office@BataviaNurserySchool.org
www.BataviaNurserySchool.org

Co-Directors

Betsy Lewis, Co-Director
Pat Vidlak, Co-Director
open to any faith

Philosophy

We have a 30 year history of educational excellence! We believe in the whole child development (learning through social, emotional, physical, intellectual and verbal experiences), which provides a safe and fun place for learning. Our emphasis is on basic building blocks for reading readiness which includes a strong phonetic approach.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Half-day programming for 3, 4, and 5 year olds
3 year olds: T/TH, am or M/T/TH, pm
4 year olds: M/W/F, am or pm
Pre-Kindergarten (5's): M-TH, am or pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:10	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 10	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 119	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 31	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100	Aides require degrees - none, only teachers with 4 year degrees		

Program/Daily Schedule

- Group time • Letter recognition • Number recognition • Phonics • Music
- Art • Story time • Free play • Enrichment Programs • Science

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$60
2 day program - \$115/month
3 year olds - \$135/month
4 year olds - \$145/month
Pre-K program - \$195/month

Registration Procedure

Registration is held the first week of February for the following school year. Those currently enrolled, as well as Church members and alumni, have the opportunity to pre-register before the general public.

Bethlehem Preschool Center

1145 N. 5th Ave., P.O. Box 385D
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-584-6027; blcpreschool@bethlehempluth.org
www.bethlehempluth.org

Director

Pong Sayasane, Director

Philosophy

We provide a warm, physically safe atmosphere of love, concern, support and acceptance for children. We are committed to providing a developmental program that balances both educational and play learning activities.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Half Day Classes (Sept.-May)

3 year olds: T/Th 9-11:30am or T/Th 12:15-2:45pm
4 year olds: M/W/F 9-11:30 am or M/W/F 12:15-2:45pm
Mixed class: T/Th 9-11:30am
Pre-K: M-Th 12:15-2:45pm

Full Day Preschool (year-round)

3-5 year: M-F 6:30am-5:30pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:7 (3's) 1:10 (4's) Required Toilet training yes no
Average class size: 13 or 20 Required Parent Involvement yes no
Licensed capacity: 73 Offers summer classes yes no
Years in service: 37 Teachers require degrees yes no
% of returning teachers: 100 Aides require degrees yes no

Program/Daily Schedule

Balance of child initiated discovery time, large muscle time, and small & large groups.

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$75
2 day program - \$119/month 4 day program - \$175/month
3 day program - \$152/month Full Day program - \$165/week

Registration Procedure

Half-day registration is open to the public. Please call on the first Monday in February. Full-day registration depends on availability, please call for more information.

Bridges Montessori Academy

716 Oak St.
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-513-9742

Director

Jan Dangles, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

Bridges views each child as an individual. Bridges provides an interdisciplinary municipal-oriented experience which facilitates independence, self-confidence, self-learning and respect.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Preschool for ages 3-5
Kindergarten
First through Fifth grades

Adult/child ratio: 2:16 Required Toilet training yes no
Average class size: 16-18 Required Parent Involvement yes no
Licensed capacity: school Offers summer classes yes no
Years in service: 14 Teachers require degrees yes no
% of returning teachers: 98% Aides require degrees yes no

Fees (2006-2007)

Please call for more information.

Registration Procedure

Please call for more information.

Da Vinci Academy

37W080 Hopps Rd
Elgin, IL 60123
847-841-7532

Director

Jeff Oldham, Director
joldham@davinciacademy.com
religion is not taught

Philosophy

Da Vinci Academy is an independent school for intellectually gifted students in grades PK-8. Our teachers and unique programs help gifted students reach their full potential in a warm and nurturing environment.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Pre-K, age 4: M-F 8:45am-2:15pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:6	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 12	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity:	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 6	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

Rotating daily schedule includes language arts, math, science, spanish, art, music, and PE.

Fees (2006-2007)

Tuition is \$10,800

Registration Procedure

Contact Jeff Oldham, Director of Admissions, to schedule tours and to discuss admission process.

Faith Christian Beginner School

1745 Kaneville Rd.
Geneva, IL 60134
630-232-8533

Director

Sherry Anast, Director
Christian perspective

Philosophy

We seek to provide a quality Christian education in a safe, loving environment. We believe in offering early academics of phonics, reading and math in a fun, low-pressured style with lots of individual attention.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

3 year olds: M only or T/Th, or W/F

4 year olds: M/W/F or T/Th

K's (5's): M-F

all classes are 8:30-11:30am or 12:15-3:15pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:8, 1:12, 1:16	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 8, 12, 16	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: school	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 25	Teachers require degrees (<i>some</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	none used	

Program/Daily Schedule

- Bible time • Phonics (letter time) • Math (number time) • Free Play
- Recess outside

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$100

Annual fees (various payment plans available):

1 day program - \$534/year	3 day program - \$1,803/year
2 day program - \$1,215/year	5 day program - \$2,694/year

Registration Procedure

Please call 630-232-8533 for a registration packet. In person registration is on October 1 (or first school day thereafter if October 1 is on a weekend).

First Baptist Preschool

1125 W. Oak St.
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-584-6768

Director

Bonnie Golz, Director
Christian perspective

Philosophy

Our program is designed to challenge each child at their stage of development. Our curriculum covers math readiness, reading readiness, science, social studies, creative art, music and movement, Bible stories, and physical activities. We provide many hands-on learning experiences, and are committed to teaching, loving, and praying for your child.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

2 1/2 year olds: M/W or T/TH 9-11am
3 year olds: M/W or T/TH 9-11:30am or 12:15-2:45pm
4 year olds: M/T/W 9-11:30am or 12:15-2:45pm; M-TH 9-11:30am
Pre-K: M-TH 12:15-2:45pm (*children need to be 5 by Dec. 31*)

Adult/child ratio: 1:8	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 78	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 26	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 95%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Circle time • Choice Time • Snack • Individual/small group • Physical activity

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$50 (non-refundable)
First Step prn - \$103/month
2 day program - \$113/month
3 day program - \$143/month
4 day program - \$163/month

Registration Procedure

Registration fee secures your spot. Registration begins in February.

Four Winds Waldorf School

30W160 Calumet Avenue
Warrenville, IL 60555
630-836-9400; info@fourwindswaldorf.org

Director

Joan Fergus, Enrollment Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

At Four Winds Waldorf School, we seek to provide a safe and nurturing early childhood experience that honors the magic of childhood. Because play is the foundation for creativity in thinking, play is the child's real work in life. Our programs emphasize imaginative play, artistic development, social skills, movement, and language development.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Parent-Child Class (18 months-3 years--Batavia Location)
Meets one day a week, 9:30-11:30am for three, 8-week sessions per year
Preschool: 3-4 year olds: 8:15-11:45am, 2 or 3 days per week
Kindergarten: 4-6 year olds: meets 2, 3, or 5 days per week
Extended Care: 3-6 year olds: 12:15-3pm, 1-5 days per week

Adult/child ratio: 1:5, 1:8	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 12-14	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 70	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 12	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Outside time • Circle time • Activity (painting, woodworking, sewing, drawing)
• Play time • Clean-up • Story time • Closing

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$60	Preschool/Kindergarten:
Parent-Child: \$180 for 8-week session	2-day - \$2600/year
Preschool: 2-day - \$2300/year	3-day - \$3750/year
3-day - \$3300/year	5-day - \$6000/year
Extended Care: \$15/day	

Registration Procedure

Monthly Wednesday Open House. Fall registration begins in February. Call the school for application and information.

Fox Valley Christian Academy

33W835 Cherry Lane
Geneva, IL 60134
630-208-1000

Director

Peg Bendowski Director
Carl Gray, Pastor
Christian perspective

Philosophy

To prepare our students to pursue any vocation of their choosing and develop the ability to engage in any academic environment or lifetime pursuit. It is important to us that our students grow and become people of principle and integrity, grounded in the Word of God.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

3 year olds: T/TH 8:30-11:30am
4 year olds: M/W/F 8:30-11:30am

Adult/child ratio: 1:6	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 8	Required Parent Involvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 64	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 12	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$75

Full-Day Preschool

2 day program - \$84/week

3 day program - \$115/week

4 day program - \$142/week

5 day program - \$163/week

other fees, such as backpack, shirt and academic are additional.

Half-Day Preschool

2 day program - Annual \$1,900

3 day program - Annual \$2,600

Registration Procedure

Please call for more information.

Fox Valley Montessori

850 N. Commonwealth
Aurora, IL 60506
630-896-7557

Director

Jennifer Darmogray, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

FVMS is a Montessori-based school which advocates a child's right to know, to achieve, to belong, to be safe, and to be a peaceful community member.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

20 months-3 years old
2 day program TH/F 8:30-11:15am
3 day program M-W 8:30-11:15am
5 day program M-F 8:30-11:15 am

Adult/child ratio: 1:5	Required Toilet training	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 10	Required Parent Involvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 150	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 37	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Fees (2006-2007)

Activity Fee: \$55

2 day program - \$2,295/year long

3 day program - \$3,015/year long

5 day program - \$4,500/year long

Registration Procedure

Please contact the school to schedule a tour.

Gingercare Christian Academy

2850 Ginger Woods Parkway
Aurora, IL 60502 (Batavia School District)
630-631-0182; kjohnson@gingercare.com
www.gingercare.com

Director

Kate Johnson, Director
Jan Fullen, Asst. Director
Christian perspective

Philosophy

Gingercare's program promotes respect, honesty, fairness, kindness, and responsibility. Our curriculum encourages the development of large and small motor skills, creativity, spiritual growth, and a love for learning. With teacher guidance, children have the opportunity to explore, make decisions, and solve problems. It is our mission to support families by providing quality educational experiences with a Christian foundation.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Part day (Batavia School Calendar)

3 year olds: T/TH 9-11:30am

Pre-K: M/W/F 9-11:30am

Full Day (all year)

Pre-K: 1-5 days/week

Kdg: 3 or 5 days/week

Adult/child ratio: 1:8; 1:9

Average class size: 16-18

Licensed capacity: 64

Years in service: 4

% of returning teachers: 94%

Required Toilet training yes no

Required Parent Involvement yes no

Offers summer classes yes no

Teachers require degrees yes no

Aides require degrees yes no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Circle Time • Curriculum Centers including Art, Math, Science and Reading
Readiness • Outside time • Large group activity • Closing circle • Snack •
Music

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$50

Tuition varies, call for current rates

Registration Procedure

Registration begins in February for the following school year. For more information or to request a registration packet, call 631-0182

Goddard School

949 Waterford
Aurora, IL
630-898-8411

Director

Tab Shamim, Director
no religion taught

Philosophy

We follow Piaget's concept. We have a curriculum and believe in structure and, at the same time, we believe that children should be allowed to be children.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Our classes are offered for children from 6 weeks to 6 years.

Adult/child ratio: varies

Average class size: <20

Licensed capacity: 131

Years in service: n/a

% of returning teachers: n/a

Required Toilet training yes no

Required Parent Involvement yes no

Offers summer classes yes no

Teachers require degrees yes no

Aides require degrees yes no

Fees (2006-2007)

Please contact school

Registration Procedure

Please contact school for a tour or more information.

The Growing Place Preschool

at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church
227 East Side Drive; Geneva, IL 60134
630-232-7448

Director

Cheryl Grant, Director
Carl Gray, Pastor
open to any faith

Philosophy

The Growing Place Preschool at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church seeks to serve children and their families by providing a warm, nurturing, early childhood education experience. Using an emergent curriculum focus, the atmosphere of our preschool is designed to support your child's interests, growth and development.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Our classes are mixed age groups of 3, 4, and 5 year olds including:
Regular Session M-W and M-TH 9-11:30 am
Extended Session M-W and M-TH 9-1 pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:8	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 18	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 20	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 3	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Whole group time
- Small group work and centers
- Large motor time
- Snack and/or Lunch
- Bible Stories

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$60
3 day regular - \$145/month
3 day extended - \$230/month
4 day regular - \$165/month
4 day extended - \$265/month

Registration Procedure

Please contact the church and request a registration form.

Hand in Hand Christian Preschool

2300 South St.
Geneva, IL 60134
630-208-4903

Director

Nancy Taylor, Director
Christian perspective

Philosophy

A Christian environment with a goal of enhancing each child's self-esteem, while stimulating mental growth. A balanced program providing discovery in group and individual settings.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

3 year olds: M/W 9:15-11:45am
M/W/F 12:45-3:15pm
4 year olds: M/W/F 12:45-3:15pm
5 year olds: M/W/F 12:45-3:15pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:5	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 8-14	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 120	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 10	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

Structured/unstructured program teaching Christian values through play and planned activities.

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$100
2 day program - \$145/month
3 day program - \$200/month

Registration Procedure

Call preschool to receive registration form.

Immanuel Lutheran School

950 Hart Road
Batavia, IL 60510
630-406-0157; school@immanuelbatavia.org

Director

Glenn Steinbrenner, principal
Lutheran perspective

Philosophy

We believe that each child is a special gift from God and is to be encouraged to develop socially, emotionally, physically, cognitively and spiritually. Our goal is to accept and affirm each child's unique competence as a learner. Each child is provided with appropriate activities that will challenge him or her to continued growth.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

PS3: M/T 8:45-11am
T-TH 12:30-3pm
TH/F 8:45-11am
PS4: M/T/W 8:45-11am or 12:30-3pm
M-TH 12:30-3pm
TH/F 8:45-11am

Adult/child ratio: 1:8, 1:9	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16, 18	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 20	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 17	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Free choice of dramatic play
- Cognitive development activity
- Story time
- Bible story time
- Large motor play
- Music time
- Snack

Fees (2006-2007)

Please contact the school office.

Registration Procedure

Please contact the school office.

Kaneville Community Child Center

2 S. 101 Hearter Road
Kaneville, IL
630-557-2424

Director

Laura JanBroeck, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

KCCC provides safe, loving and creative care to preschool and school-age children. The center has a developmentally appropriate play-based curriculum.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Open 7am-6pm
Daycare for 2-5 years old
Before & After School Care
Morning Pre-School
Afternoon Pre-K

Adult/child ratio: 1:8	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 56	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 20	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 90%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Interest Centers
- Group Time
- Snack
- Large Motor and Calendar

Fees (2006-2007)

Daycare \$29/day
Preschool program - \$125/month
Pre-k program - \$145/month

Registration Procedure

Registration begins in February for the following school year.

Kensington School of Geneva

1774-1776 W. State St.
Geneva, IL 60134
630-845-9230

Director

Maureen Lange, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

Kensington School's historic program is predicated upon a strong respect for the formative early childhood years and the pivotal impact that a curriculum-rich learning environment can have upon the child during this critical period. Our vibrant classrooms and structured preschool programming provide daily learning experiences in a comfortable, social setting. Children are nurtured and challenged by our loving teachers in a "home-like" environment.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

"I am Two": T/TH am and pm classes

"Preschool for Threes": M/W/F and T/TH am and pm classes

"Junior Kindergarten": M/W/F and T/TH am and pm classes

Adult/child ratio: 1:8, 1:10	Required Toilet training (3's)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16-20	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 200	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 36	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: high	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Circle times • engaging interest centers • reading readiness with phonics and literature • numeric awareness • hands-on cognitive skills • creative art experiences • Weekly visits with Kensington's Spanish, music and gym instructors.

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$100

Varies per session days and times

Registration Procedure

Registration begins in January for the following school year.

Kensington School of St. Charles

1900 Cumberland Parkway
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-513-5351

Director

Dotty Auriemmo, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

Kensington School's historic program is predicated upon a strong respect for the formative early childhood years and the pivotal impact that a curriculum-rich learning environment can have upon the child during this critical period. Our vibrant classrooms and structured preschool programming provide daily learning experiences in a comfortable, social setting. Children are nurtured and challenged by our loving teachers in a "home-like" environment.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

"I am Two": T/TH am and pm classes

"Preschool for Threes": M/W/F and T/TH am and pm classes

"Junior Kindergarten": M/W/F and T/TH am and pm classes

Adult/child ratio: 1:8, 1:10	Required Toilet training (3's)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16-20	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 200	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 36	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: high	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Circle times • engaging interest centers • reading readiness with phonics and literature • numeric awareness • hands-on cognitive skills • creative art experiences • Weekly visits with Kensington's Spanish, music and gym instructors.

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$100

Varies per session days and times

Registration Procedure

Registration begins in January for the following school year.

Kids Connection, Inc.

40W304 LaFox Road
St. Charles, IL 60175
630-587-9400; kids_connection@sbcglobal.net

Director

Renee Gust, Director
www.kidsconnection.info
religion is not taught

Philosophy

Kids Connection, Inc., will provide the highest quality preschool and activity programs for participants of all ages to develop socially, cognitively, emotionally and physically through play, art, music and other modes of creative activity. Both individual and group programming encourages development of the whole child.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

2 year olds: 1 to 3 days/week M-TH 9-11:30am
3 year olds: T/TH 9-11:30am or 12:15-2:45pm
Pre-K: M/W/F 9:00-11:30am or M-TH 12:15-2:45pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:7 - 1:16	Required Toilet training	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16-20	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 60	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 3	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 95%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Circle time • Small group center time • Large muscle • Book browsing
- Snack • Creative Arts • Closing circle

Fees (2006-2007)

1 day program - \$86/month	Beginnergarten - \$20/day
2 day program - \$164/month	4 day PreK - \$70/week
3 day program - \$234/month	

Registration Procedure

Registration for preschool begins in February for the following school year. There is an open house in January. Pre-registration fee is \$40, and materials are available online. For more information or to register, call 587-9400.

La Petite Academy

2423 Fargo Blvd.
Geneva, IL 60134
630-232-4890; lpaigr@lpacorp.com

Director

April Lanser, Academy Director
religion not taught

Philosophy

La Petite Academy puts children first, respecting each child as a valued and unique individual with distinct interests and opinions. We are sensitive to children's varying abilities and learning styles. Through our education programs, children learn the foundations for learning and have opportunities for choice, experimentation, creativity and problem solving. Our education programs recognize the invaluable role parents and Associates have in facilitating and extending the learning and in providing an environment that is conducive to the growth and developmental well-being of the children.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Serving children from 6 weeks old through 12 years old. All of our classroom curriculums incorporate various cognitive, social and physical development activities.

Adult/child ratio: 1:4 - 1:10	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 8-20	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 120	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 35	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: high	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

Pre-school 8:30am-11:30am or 12:30pm - 5:30pm
Day Care 6am-6pm M-F

Fees (2006-2007)

Please call for current rates

Registration Procedure

Please call for more information and to schedule a tour. We look forward to meeting you.

Little Bit Country Preschool

OS734 Wenmoth Road
Batavia, IL 60510
630-879-6898

Director

Marianne Bernardoni, Director
(a past-president of BMCF)
religion not taught

Philosophy

We believe that each child is a unique individual with feelings, emotions, and the ability to learn, investigate and challenge. We provide developmentally-appropriate activities that provide for development of the whole child to their fullest potential. We try to help children gain a positive self-image to understand themselves and their peers.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

2-3 year olds: M/W/F 9-11:30am
T/TH 9-11:30am
M-F 9-11:30am

2.5-5 year olds: T/TH 12:30-3pm
(multiple classes)

4-5 year olds: M/W/F 12:30-3pm
T/TH 12:30-3pm
M-F 12:30-3pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:8, 1:10	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16-20	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 40	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 25	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Welcome group time • Self-selected learning activities • Snack and music appreciation • Language arts • Self-help skills • Outdoor gross motor and nature exploration

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$75
2 day program - \$158/month

3 day program - \$180/month
5 day program - \$308/month

Registration Procedure

Following school year enrollment begins in January. We offer enrollment for current school year as availability allows. For more information and to schedule a school tour, call 879-6898.

Lord of Life Preschool

Rt 38 and LaFox Road; P.O. Box 310
LaFox, IL 60147
630-513-7346

Director

Marliss Laughridge, Director
Christian perspective

Philosophy

Each child is unique and a special gift of God, with different needs and abilities. Each child will be encouraged to grow emotionally, physically, cognitively, socially and spiritually at his/her own rate.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

3 year olds: T/TH 9-11:30am or T/TH 12:15-2:45pm
M/W/F 9-11:30am

4 year olds: M/W/F 9-11:30am or M/W/F 12:15-2:45pm

4-5 year olds: M/W/F 12:15-3:15pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:8, 1:10	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 15-19	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 58	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 12	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Circle Time • Interest Centers • Large Motor Time • Snack • Fine/gross Motor Skills

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$50
2 day program - \$100/month
3 day program - \$125/month
Pre+ program - \$140/month

Registration Procedure

Please call on the first Monday in February to get on the waiting list for the following year.

Mansio Mens Montessori School

102 Howard St.
Geneva, IL 60134
630-232-6750; www.genevamontessori.org

Director

Janet M. Shanahan, Director
religion not taught

Philosophy

Respectful approach so the child can learn at his/her own pace. We create an engaging environment to stimulate the child's interest.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Beginning Toddler (15 mnths-2 years): 8:30-11:30am or 8:30am-5pm
Toddler (24-36 mnths): 8:30-11:30am or 8:30am-5pm
3-6 Class: 8:30-11:30am, or 8:30am-5pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:8, 1:10	Required Toilet training (3-6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16, 20	Required Parent Involvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 100	Offers summer classes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 27	Teachers require degrees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees - <i>A Montessori course</i>

Program/Daily Schedule

• Work at their own pace in the environment • French, Spanish, and Music

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration Fee Due
Half day program - (Toddler) \$357/month (3-6) \$342/month
Full day program - (Toddler) \$674/month (3-6) \$668/month

Registration Procedure

Contact Janet at 232-6750, or go online at www.genevamontessori.org.

Montessori Academy

595 S. River Street (Rt. 25)
Batavia, IL 60510
630-879-2586; info@MontessoriBatavia.com

Director

Stacie Benjamin, Director
religion not taught

Philosophy

"Our care of the child should be governed not by the desire 'to make him learn things' but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence," - Maria Monessori

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Preschool 3-5 years: Half Day & Full Day
Kindergarten: 8:15am-3pm
Before & After School care available

Adult/child ratio: 1:10	Required Toilet training (3-6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 20	Required Parent Involvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: N/A	Offers summer classes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 35	Teachers require degrees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 95-100%	Aides require degrees <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Social and emotional development • Fine and gross motor skills • Sensorial development • Math concepts • Language skills • Science exploration • Geography studies • Cultural studies • Outside play and yoga • Creative art exploration • Instrument and song

Fees (2006-2007)

Tuition varies by program, please call for current rates.

Registration Procedure

Please call the school to schedule a tour for you and your child.

New England Preschool

406 W. Galena Blvd.
Aurora, IL 60506
630-897-8731

Director

Jacquie May
religion is not taught

Philosophy

We believe that children learn best through play and hands-on, developmentally appropriate activities. Our program is concerned with the development of the whole child and his/her physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. We are committed to giving children a safe, loving and nurturing environment in which to learn and grow.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

2 1/2 year olds: 2 days/week 8:45-11am
3 year olds: 2 days/week 8:45-11am
3 days/week 8:45-11am
4-5 year olds: 3 days/week 8:45-11am
5 days/week 8:45-11am
3 days/week 12:15-2:30pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:10	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 18	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 70	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 57	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Circle Time • Small Group Work and Play Time • Large Motor Time
- Snack • Wiggle Room Play • Learning Centers and Art

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$25
2 day program - \$90/month
3 day program - \$120/month
5 day program - \$155/month

Registration Procedure

Please contact school for form and requirements.

New Horizons Preschool

at Batavia Park District
14 N VanBuren; Batavia, IL 60510
630-406-5282

Director

Nancy Feely, Supervisor
religion is not taught

Philosophy

New Horizons is based on the philosophy that children learn through play. Knowledgeable staff provide a safe, happy environment with opportunities for social and emotional growth as well as more formal school experiences. Children are encouraged to think independently, be creative, and freely explore in a supervised and structured atmosphere.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

2 1/2 year olds: W 8:45-10:15am or 10:30am-12pm
3 year olds: T/TH 9:30-11:30am or 12:30-2:30pm
4 year olds: M/W/F 9-11:30am or 12:15-2:45pm
Pre-K: M/T/TH/F 9-11:45am or 12:15-3pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:6	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 12-13	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 100	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 10	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Story and music time • Large motor skills • Snack • Discovery/play/art
- Language experiences

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$10
1 day - \$50/month (for residents)
2 day program - \$85/month (for residents)
3 day - \$130/month (for residents)
4 day - \$190/month (for residents)

Registration Procedure

Registration begins in February for the following school year. Parents must register in person at the Eastside Community Center, 14 N. VanBuren. A \$10 non-refundable registration fee, one month's deposit, birth certificate, and immunization records are required.

Polka Dot Dragon Preschool

11 S. Lincolnway
North Aurora, IL
630-801-4868

Director

Wendy Bakkum, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

Polka Dot Dragon Preschool is an education-based preschool. Our programs guide children toward success in the Grammer Schools. We strive to help each child succeed to the best of their ability. Our children are learning daily and just loving it. Strong emphasis on phonetics, writing, math and science skills.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Full Day: 8:30am-4pm
3 year olds: T-TH 8-11:15am
4 year olds: M/W/F 8-11:15am
Pre-K: M-F 11:45am-2:15pm
Around school: M-F 6:30am-6pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:10	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16-18	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 80	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 10	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Educational curriculum-large group
- Math their way
- Calendar, time
- Science lesson weekly
- Art
- Small motor
- Large motor
- Snack
- Music lesson
- Letter of the week

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$50
3 day program - \$45 or 55/week
5 day program - \$65/week
Full day program - \$155/week

Registration Procedure

Registration begins in February for the following school year. Please set up an appointment to meet the Director and tour our program.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

39 W 218 N. Indian Trail
Aurora, IL 60506
630-907-1313

Director

Scott Wagner, Director
rls60506@hotmail.com, swagner54@hotmail.com
Lutheran Perspective

Philosophy

The goal of Resurrection Lutheran School is that all students know Jesus as their savior from sin and live in service to Jesus and others. Resurrection Lutheran School seeks to assist parents in the life-long Christian training of their children, by teaching in light of God's word.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

3 year olds: T/TH 8:15-11am
4 year olds: M/W/F 8:15-11am

Adult/child ratio: 1:8	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 8-12	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 80	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 1	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: n/a	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Fees (2006-2007)

Materials: \$145
3 year olds - \$74/month; materials \$145
4 year olds - \$102/month; materials \$165

Registration Procedure

You may download a form at www.relcs.org, or call the main office for more information.

River's Edge KinderCare

1505 S. Batavia, Ave
Batavia, IL 60510
630-879-9977

Director

Joleen Gritzner, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

We put children first. We provide a positive environment where children are safe, loved and nurtured. Across America, parents trust KinderCare with their infants, preschoolers and school-agers. We earn that trust every day.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

6 weeks through 12 years
6:30am-6:15pm

Adult/child ratio: varies	Required Toilet training	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: varies	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 150	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 13	Teachers require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: n/a	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

• Large and small group time • Breakfast, lunch and 2 snacks • Large motor activities

Fees (2006-2007)

Varies--please call for pricing

Registration Procedure

Registration is year-round. Please call for packet and more information, 879-9977.

St. Mark's Nurturing Center

101 South 6th Ave; St. Charles, IL
630-584-4850; nurturingcenter@stmarks.org

Director

Linda Culley, Director
Lutheran perspective

Philosophy

We assist families in building a strong Christian Foundation for their children, and in cultivating the love of learning about the world in which they live. We seek to have a developmentally appropriate environment that encourages not only a love of acquiring knowledge but also the joy of loving the Lord with all their heart.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

3 Year olds: M/W or T/TH 9-11:30 (3 by 9/1) M/W or T/TH 12:15-2:45	Pre K: M/T/W/TH 9-11:30 (5 by 12/1) M/T/W/TH 12:15-2:45
4 Year olds: M/W/F or T/TH/F 8:45-11:15 (4 by 9/1) M/W/F or T/TH/F 12-2:30	

Adult/child ratio: 1:7-10	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 14-20	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 168	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 26	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 100%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

Each day the children participate in circle time, Jesus time, free play, center based choices, developmental academic curriculum, open ended art, gross motor (playground or indoor gym) and snack. In addition, our program offers computers in each room, cooking experiences, field trips, library visits and a parent library.

Fees (2006-2007)

2 day program - \$120/month	4 day program - \$176/month
3 day program - \$156/month	

Registration Procedure

Pre-registration for church members, currently enrolled students and their siblings will be held in January. Applications for alumni and new students will be accepted after that. Please call the office 630-584-4850 for more information or to set up a tour.

Share and Care Learning Center, Inc.

1N. Lincolnway
North Aurora, IL 60542
630-892-2818; debbieman@aol.com

Director

Debbie Patterman, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

The Center's basic philosophy of child care is one that believes all children are unique individuals who must pass through certain developmental stages. However, realizing that each child is an individual and develops at his own rate, our environment and learning centers are structured according to individual needs. This provides enough challenge for every child, and still meets the needs of the very youngest child. Through play, the child will be provided with opportunities to learn himself, the world he lives in and his feelings.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Infant/toddler - Potty-trained 6:30am-5:30pm
3 Year olds: T/TH 8:30-11am or 6:30am-5:30pm
4 Year olds: M/W/F 8:30-11am or 6:30am-5:30pm
Before/After Kindergarten & Before/AFTER First Grade-Fifth Grade

Adult/child ratio: 1:5	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 16	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 105	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 23	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 99%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

Cognitive skills (numbers, letters, colors) are taught "artfully" through use of various centers of interest. These include: housekeeping corner, art corner, block building area, a reading/quiet area, and a manipulative and tactile center. We feel a stimulating environment will provide for the basic needs of each individual, allowing children to grow, explore, and create.

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$10	Full Day Preschool - \$600/month
2 day program - \$110/month	Kindergarten - \$560/month
3 day program - \$135/month	Before/After school - \$85/weekly

Registration Procedure

Registration fee and first week tuition due to hold the spot.

The Swing Set Preschool

40W451 Fox Mill Blvd.
St. Charles, IL
630-443-8570

Director

Sue Farr, Director
Christian perspective

Philosophy

Our aim is to facilitate the development of the "whole" child; to offer opportunities to develop healthy social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills through a balanced curriculum of age-appropriate activities and play. Each child will be encouraged to grow and learn at his or her own rate and through a balance of teacher-directed activities and activities of his or her own choice.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

Junior Preschool (3 year olds): T/TH 9-11:30am and 12:30-3pm
Senior Preschool (4 year olds): M/W/F 9-11:30am and 12:30-3pm
Pre-K (5 year olds): M/T/W/TH 12:30-3pm

Adult/child ratio: 1:7/8	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 14-16	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 40	Offers summer classes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 33	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 95%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

Balance of child-initiated and teacher-directed hands-on discovery time, outdoor playground, large motor activities, open-end art, music, story time. We provide a literacy rich environment.

Fees (2006-2007)

Registration \$50	
1 day program - \$55/month	3 day program - \$135/month
2 day program - \$105/month	4 day program - \$155/month

Registration Procedure

First Monday in February, names are taken for interest list. During February, presently enrolled, church members, siblings are enrolled. In March, those on the waiting list are contacted and enrollment is confirmed upon receipt of non-refundable registration fee.

Wesley Nursery School

14 N. May Street
Aurora, IL 60506
630-631-5474

Director

Carole Ruby, Director
religion is not taught

Philosophy

We believe that every child is born with the potential for enjoying and utilizing the full range of the cultural environment around us. Children will respond to beauty when taught to be sensitive to it and will reach beyond the present when play, fantasy, and creative arts are encouraged.

Classes Offered (ages/dates/time)

3, 4, 5 year olds: M-F 9-11am
Multi age class: M-R

Adult/child ratio: 1:10	Required Toilet training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Average class size: 20	Required Parent Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Licensed capacity: 60	Offers summer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Years in service: 56	Teachers require degrees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
% of returning teachers: 90%	Aides require degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Program/Daily Schedule

- Free Choice
- Small Group Work and Play Time
- Circle Time
- Art Activities

Fees (2006-2007)

AM program - \$120/month
PM program - \$105/month

Registration Procedure

Please call the office to request a form or visit.



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