

Guide to Local Preschools



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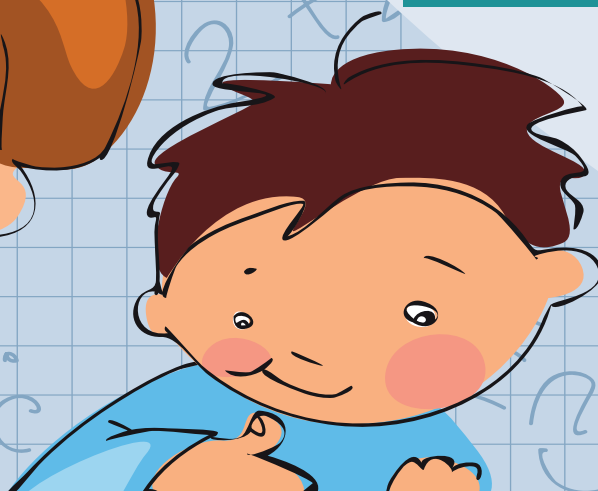
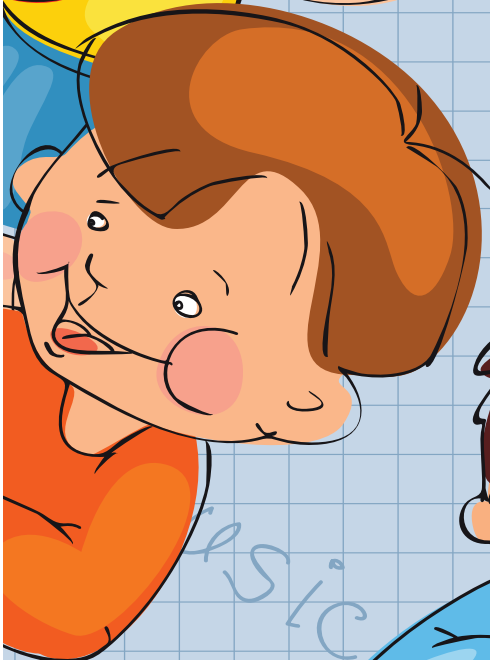
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123 Learning Center

2651 W Algonquin Rd.
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 504-7226



Director: Aneta Jozwik Celej
123learningcenteril@gmail.com

Ages: 6 weeks - 5 years

Days and Hours of Operation:
Mon - Fri 7am-6pm

Registration Date for Enrollment:
May 31, 2026

Approximate Class Size: 20

Toilet Trained: No

Registration Fee: \$200

Recurring Fees: Weekly

Infant (Jeżyki)	3–4y (Leśne Skrzaty)
2 days → \$179	2 days → \$147
3 days → \$252	3 days → \$205
5 days → \$394	5 days → \$315

Toddlers (Zajączki)	4–5y (Sówki)
2 days → \$168	2 days → \$147
3 days → \$237	3 days → \$205
5 days → \$368	5 days → \$315

2–3y (Liski)
2 days → \$158
3 days → \$221
5 days → \$342

Philosophy/General Purpose:

At 123 Learning Center, our philosophy is to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We believe that early childhood is a critical stage of development, and we support each child's individual needs through a balance of structured learning and play-based exploration. As a bilingual (Polish-English) center, we value diversity and support language development in a natural and immersive way.

Curriculum:

Our curriculum is developmentally appropriate and designed to support all areas of child development: cognitive, social-emotional, physical, and language skills.

We incorporate: Play-based learning combined with structured activities,

Early literacy and math readiness,

Sensory and hands-on experiences,

Art, music, and movement

Outdoor play and physical development

Bilingual exposure (Polish and English)

We also include themed learning weeks, cultural activities, and enrichment programs to keep children engaged and excited about learning.

Facilities:

123 Learning Center offers a clean, safe, and well-organized environment designed specifically for young children. Our facility includes:

Age-appropriate classrooms equipped with educational materials

Indoor and outdoor play areas

A safe and secure entry system

We maintain high standards of cleanliness and safety, ensuring compliance with all state regulations and licensing requirements.

Accreditations:

123 Learning Center operates in full compliance with all Illinois state licensing requirements. We follow guidelines established by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to ensure the highest standards of care and safety.

Our staff members participate in ongoing professional development and required trainings, including CPR/First Aid certification and early childhood education coursework. We are committed to continuous improvement and maintaining quality standards in early childhood education.

Additional Information/Notes:

At 123 Learning Center, we provide a warm, family-oriented environment where children feel safe, supported, and valued. We maintain open communication with parents.

We offer:

Flexible scheduling options for families

Nutritious, homemade meals

Enrichment activities and themed events throughout the year

A bilingual (Polish-English) learning environment.

Algonquin Preschool

109 Washington Street
Algonquin, Illinois 60102
(847) 658-2232

Directors: Jennifer Hedmark and Lisa Cotugno
algpreschool@yahoo.com

Ages:

3-5 years old

Days and Hours of Operation:

M-F 9:00 - 12:00 and 12:30 - 3:00

Registration Date for Enrollment:

January 23, 2026 and after for the 2026-2027 school year

Open enrollment

Registration Fee: \$75

Activity Fee- \$75

Recurring Fees (per week, month, etc.):

3's T/TH - 9:00-11:30- \$190- a month

3's & 4's - M/W/F- 9:00-11:30- \$255- a month

4's & 5's - M-F- 9:00- 11:30- \$355 a month

Approximate Class Size: 20

Toilet Trained: Yes

Philosophy/General Purpose:

We believe that the early years of learning are the most valuable for the development of social and educational achievement. We nurture each individual's ability to learn by providing unique opportunities to explore and discover new skills, talents, and interests in a safe and positive environment.

Curriculum:

Algonquin Preschool believes that play is a child's natural way of learning. We provide opportunities for play-based education and Kindergarten readiness through a variety of activities: Learning Centers, Science & Nature Activities, Creative Play, Circle Time (fingerplays, stories, calendar, weather, letter of the week), Field Trips, Special Guests, Process Art, Music, Indoor/Outdoor Large Motor Activities, and Monthly Studies.

Facilities (classrooms, gymnasiums, etc.):

3 classrooms, outdoor playground, and indoor large motor area.

Accreditation:

Three classrooms licensed by DCFS.

Additional Information/Notes:

Algonquin Preschool teachers ensure your child has all the tools and skills necessary to tackle the next set of challenges he/she faces. Our curriculum is well-rounded and developmentally appropriate. Algonquin Preschool provides an environment for your child to succeed.



District #300 Preschool

50 Cleveland Avenue
Carpentersville, IL 60110
(847) 551-8386
FAX: (224) 484-2319

Director: Kristin Corriveau
kristin.corriveau@d300.org

Ages:

We have programs from Birth-5 years.

Days and Hours of Operation:

deLacey Family Education Center – Monday-Friday
7:30-4:30

Registration Date for Enrollment: Ongoing

Registration Fee: \$0

Fees: Our Preschool For All (PFA) is free to those who qualify. The registration fee for special education students is currently waived for this school year.

Philosophy/General Purpose:

In a nurturing a play-based environment, our curriculum builds children's self-esteem and problem solving skills, while fostering respect for themselves and others.

Curriculum:

The Creative Curriculum

Toilet Trained: No

Facilities (classrooms, gymnasiums, etc.):

deLacey is a preschool only building that houses up to 24 classrooms including a playground and gym. There are also preschool classrooms in some of the elementary buildings throughout the district. See Additional Information below for a list of sites.

Accreditation:

PBIS Platinum Status, ExceleRate Illinois Gold Circle of Quality, Pyramid Model Implementation Site

Additional Information/Notes:

In addition to the deLacey Family Education Center, we offer our preschool programs in some of the elementary schools throughout our school district. The elementary schools that offer preschool are Gilberts Elementary, Gary D. Wright Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Lincoln Prairie Elementary, and Westfield Community School. Preschool locations may vary from year to year depending on space limitations within the elementary buildings.



DISTRICT 300

The Goddard School

4561 Princeton Ln.
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847)669-6390

Director: Bridget Austen
dlakeinthehillsil@goddardschools.com

Ages:

6wks-5 yr
Up to age 9 yr in the summer

Days and Hours of Operation:

6:30 am -5:30 pm

Registration Date for Enrollment:

Rolling throughout the year

Approximate Class Size: 20

Toilet Trained: teachers will assist

Registration Fee: \$150.00

Recurring Fees: Tuition monthly

Philosophy/General Purpose:

The Goddard School's philosophy emphasizes learning through play and exploration in a safe, caring, environment, fostering love of learning and holistic development, with focus on individual needs and parent involvement.

Curriculum:

Wonder of Learning,
Jolly Phonics
Frog Street Curriculum
Everyday Mathematics.
Chess at 3

Additional Information/Notes:

For no additional cost, we offer Spanish, Environmental Science, Yoga, and Chess.
We have an outside classroom.



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FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Immanuel Lutheran School

5 S. Van Buren Street
East Dundee, IL 60118
(847) 975-2079

Director: Amanda DeMarsh

ademarsh@immanuel-ed.org

Ages: 2-5

Days and Hours of Operation:

8:30 - 2:30

Registration Date for Enrollment:

March 1, 2026

Approximate Class Size: 16

Toilet Trained: Yes

Registration Fee: \$100

Recurring Fees: Tuition is paid on a monthly basis

Facilities: We are located in the basement of the church. We have two rooms operating for PK4, one room for PK3, and an additional room for our 2's program. Each classroom has bathrooms and we have a shared kitchen. We share an outdoor playground that is age appropriate for 2-5 years olds. Doors are locked throughout the day and we have a security system for entrance throughout the day. Our preschool area will be undergoing a remodel this summer.

Accreditations:

National Lutheran School Accreditation

Philosophy/General Purpose:

Educating with Purpose, Rooted in Faith. Our mission is to draw all people closer to the person of Jesus Christ, to assure them of his gifts, namely, the endless life in heaven and the abundance of life on earth.

Curriculum:

Immanuel's preschool utilizes a Prekindergarten developmentally appropriate curriculum for children ages 2-5. The program concentrates on readiness skills such as fine motor and gross motor skills, print awareness, phonics, STEAM, and math awareness. Daily activities include manipulatives, arts and crafts, circle time, play, Bible stories, prayer, snack and large and small group instruction.

Additional Information/Notes:

Potty training is required for 3's and 4's. Our new 2's program does not require potty training. All classes have a teacher and aide. We offer Extended Care before school beginning at 7 am and after school until 6 pm.



Immanuel Lutheran
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Kiddie Academy of Algonquin

2420 Harnish Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 458-0200
Fax: (847) 458-0249

Director: Luisa Seymour

algonquin@kiddieacademy.net

Ages: 6 weeks-5 years old

Days and Hours of Operation:

7:00AM - 6:00PM

Registration Date for Enrollment:

Rolling throughout the year

Approximate Class Size: 12

Toilet Trained: No

Registration Fee: \$150

Recurring Fees:

Weekly Tuition due on Fridays

Registration Fees Due Annually (upon registration and every January thereafter)

Summer Activity Fee Due Annually (May)

Philosophy/General Purpose:

Educating children infancy through Pre-kindergarten. Children learn by hands on experiences, real life lessons, and positive guidance building their self esteem and love of learning.

Curriculum:

Life Essentials for Life Long Learning – Developmentally appropriate, the heart of lifelong learning. Daily electronic correspondence through Tadpole informing parents of their child’s day and personal pictures showing their child doing the curriculum. Enrichment programs included in weekly tuition at no additional cost include: Music & More, Fitness, Kiddie Chefs, Technology, Language Acquisition and Character Counts and Macaroni Please Manners.

Facilities:

Licensed for 159 children. New state of the art facility. Indoor Kiddie Ventures Room (indoor gym). Meals cooked on the premise with menus posted for the month- nutritionally valued and healthy. Monthly assessments with bi-annual conferences.

Additional Information/Notes:

NAECY accredited. Summer programs for ages 2-7 years old. Accepts Subsidy care programs (4-C and YWCA).

KIDDIE  **ACADEMY**[®]
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Lake in the Hills Preschool Academy

600 Harvest Gate
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847) 960-7487



Director: Michelle Steffey
msteffey@lith.org

Ages: 3-5 years old

Days and Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday - 9 am - 11:45 am

Registration Date for Enrollment:

February 9, 2026

Approximate Class Size: 12

Registration Fee: \$65

Recurring Fees:

Threes Preschool Academy

T/TH	9:00am - 11:30am	LITH Village Classroom	\$185R / \$195 NR
T/TH	12:30 pm- 3:00 pm	LITH Village Classroom	\$185 R / \$195NR
M/W/F	9:00am - 11:30am	LITH Village Classroom	\$250 R / \$260 NR

Pre-K Preschool Academy

T/TH	9:00am - 11:30am	The Annex Classroom	\$185R / \$195 NR
M/W/F	9:00am - 11:30am	The Annex Classroom	\$250 R / \$260 NR
M/W/F	12:30pm - 3:00pm	The Annex Classroom	\$250 R / \$260 NR
M-TH	9:15am -11:45am	The Annex Classroom	\$300R / \$310 NR

Toilet Trained: Yes

Philosophy/General Purpose:

Lake in the Hills Preschool primarily serves school districts 300, 158, and 47. We pride ourselves on delivering a developmentally appropriate curriculum in a fun and engaging format. We follow Illinois Early Learning Standards and pay particular attention to elementary school benchmarks for kindergarten.

Philosophy/General Purpose Cont.:

Our highly qualified staff are passionate about teaching children and meeting each student's individual needs. Our staff meets DCFS qualification standards. We encourage and guide the child in developing independence, responsibility, and problem solving on their own.

Our classes start with children 3 years old and grow with them until they go to kindergarten.

Facilities (classrooms, gymnasiums, etc.):

Facility Locations:
The Annex: 2 E. Oak Street
LITH Village Hall: 600 Harvest Gate

Additional Information/Notes:

Children must be of age by September 1, 2026

Non-refundable registration fee per family: \$65

Rates are listed as monthly tuition. September tuition is due August 1. All monthly fees after that are due on the first of every month.

Siblings receive a 10% discount on fees and will be applied automatically during registration.

Documentation required before start date:

Copy of child's birth certificate and the most recent record of immunizations provided by a physician

Caregivers must provide medical, emergency, and authorized pick up information for students to participate in any preschool class.

Classroom supplies are included in the program fee; however, caregivers must take turns supplying classroom snack.

Registration is on-going anytime during the school year while space is available.

The Learning Hills

40 West Acorn Lane
Unit A
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(224) 678-7114

<https://thelearninghills.com/>



Director: Kirandeep Saini

kiran@learninghills.com

Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

Days and Hours of Operation:

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

Registration Date for Enrollment: Ongoing

Approximate Class Size: 7

Toilet Trained: No

Registration Fee:

1st child - \$125

2nd child - \$150

Recurring Fees: per week

Philosophy/General Purpose: We are dedicated and committed to our children by providing exceptional education and quality childcare. It is our philosophy to focus on the needs of the individual child by providing a stimulating atmosphere for learning along with a secure loving environment. It is our belief that a childcare facility should be an extension of each child's family. Our teachers and parents are encouraged to work together to provide the love and support needed as your child reaches developmental milestones and his/her own personal achievements! We are passionate about education and providing our children with the tools to be successful in life.

Facilities: The building is one story. There are seven (7) classrooms, an office, a kitchen, and an employee lounge.

Curriculum: We provide responsive care and education to children 6 weeks to 12 years of age. Children are able to learn and grow when they feel safe and cared for, are appropriately challenged, and guided, and have strong relationships with nurturing adults. To achieve our goal of forming a secure foundation of learning with each child by use Jolly Phonics and Creative Curriculum to develop language, literatures, Social – Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Studies, early reading skills, Themes, Art, Pretend & Play, and STEM activities. We provide responsive care and education to children 6 weeks to 12 years of age. Children are able to learn and grow when they feel safe and cared for, are appropriately challenged, and guided, and have strong relationships with nurturing adults. To achieve our goal of forming a secure foundation of learning with each child by use Jolly Phonics and Creative Curriculum to develop language, literatures, Social – Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Studies, early reading skills, Themes, Art, Pretend & Play, and STEM activities.

Additional Information/Notes: Everyone knows that without the right team and teamwork you cannot succeed at building the right foundation. That is why we have a meticulous screening and hiring process to ensure that we build, maintain, and provide the kind of team that enables us to positively impact children's development and learning. At The Learning Hills Child Care center, we have a highly trained professional, caring, and warm team of teachers and support staff that constantly collaborate with each other, and the children's parents to foster each child's imagination for learning and growing. We require on-going training for our staff through state classes, orientation videos, in-house training, and by other certified professionals in the education field. All of our staff is trained in First Aid and CPR.

The Learning Tree Preschool of Algonquin

210 N. Harrison Street
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 658 - 6130

Director: Sue Kempe

<https://learningtreechild.com/>

Ages: 3-5

Days and Hours of Operation:

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

Registration Date for Enrollment: NOW

Approximate Class Size: 20

Toilet Trained: No

Registration Fee: \$110

Recurring Fees: Per week

Philosophy/General Purpose:

To provide an environment that promotes a life long love of learning!

Curriculum:

Our staff are trained in early learning standards as well as creative curriculum based programs.

Additional Information/Notes:

Our center is DCFS licensed as well as Excelerate silver circle awarded.



Little Lambs Preschool

9300 Ridgefield Rd.
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60012
(815) 425-8099

Director: Patricia Vanderheyden

patricia@lordandsavior.org

Ages:

3-5 years old and K-4 grade

Days and Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

Registration Date for Enrollment: February 20, 2026

Approximate Class Size: 15

Toilet Trained: Yes

Registration Fee: \$100

Recurring Fees (per week, month, etc.):

Tuition Payments

Morning Classes 8:30am-11:30am

5 days a week for \$90 a week

Preschool Class Time ONLY 8:30am-3:30pm

5 days a week for \$130 a week

Full-Day Classes 7:00am-6:00pm

5 days a week for \$180 a week

Curriculum:

The Little Lambs Preschool curriculum goal covers five areas of development. We seek to provide opportunities for growth in the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social areas of development. Activities are provided to give children opportunities for experimentation, discovery, and hands-on learning, as we know that young children learn best when they are free to interact with their environment.

Philosophy/General Purpose:

We believe that each child is a special gift from God. Each child is a unique individual and is encouraged to develop spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially at his/her own rate. Each child is created by God with his/her own special capabilities. We try to recognize these differences and give attention to individual needs.

In a Christian atmosphere, your child will experience God's love, know Jesus as his/her Savior, and share this love and forgiveness with others.

Through a stimulating environment, hands-on experiences, and varied learning resources, your child will gain self-confidence, independent problem-solving skills, social skills, and a love of learning. These concrete learning experiences will broaden the foundation for future learning.

The education of a child is a partnership between home and school. Parents are recognized as the child's primary teacher and supported in that role. We strive to provide an environment in which the parent/guardian and the school can cooperatively enhance the child's life as a special child of God.

Facilities (classrooms, gymnasiums, etc.):

Large classroom, Fenced playground, Full-size gymnasium



Little
Lambs
Preschool

where faith and learning go hand in hand

Primrose School of Algonquin

2300 County Line Road
Algonquin, IL 60102
(224) 333-0380
FAX: (224) 333-0572



Director: Ruthann Dalzell

rdalzell@primrosealgonquin.com

Owner: zsomani@primrosealgonquin.com

Ages: 6 weeks-12 years

Days and Hours of Operation:

M-F 6:30AM - 5:30PM

Registration Date for Enrollment:

Our school year starts in late August annually, based on the current schedule of the school district. Enrollment is accepted year-round, based on availability in each classroom.

Approximate Class Size:

Early Preschool: 16

Preschool and Private Pre-Kindergarten:
20

Toilet Trained:

No for Early Preschool (2 year olds and young 3 year olds) Yes for 3-5 year olds

Registration Fee: \$125

Recurring Fees: Due monthly on the 1st, varies by schedule of the student (2, 3, or 5 days)

Accreditation:

Our school is accredited by Cognia.

Philosophy/General Purpose:

At Primrose Schools we empower children to reach their full potential. Our exclusive, time-tested Balanced Learning approach was created from the best early education wisdom of balancing purposeful play and nurturing guidance to encourage curiosity, confidence, creativity, and compassion.

Curriculum:

Our proprietary **Balanced Learning Curriculum** encourages children to grow into well-rounded students. From guided learning to purposeful play, our learning spans seven STEM-focused learning domains including Physical development for health, Mathematics, Social/emotional development, Science and Technology, Language and Literacy, Social Studies, and Creative Arts and expression.

Facilities:

Our campus is comprised of 11 enriched, age-appropriate classrooms and four separate outdoor playgrounds. We take great pride in ensuring our campus is safe, clean, and well-maintained.

Additional Information/Notes:

Our faculty is comprised of degreed teachers and we pride ourselves in the tenure and experience of our team. A majority of our staff is CPR/First Aid trained. Personal tours can be arranged by calling our school and arranging a visit convenient for your schedule.

St. Margaret Mary

119 Hubbard Street
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 658 - 5313
FAX: (847) 854 - 0501

<http://www.saintmargaretmary.org/>

Director: Brenna O'Hearn

bohearn@stmmschool.org

Ages: 3-4 years old

Days and Hours of Operation:

M-F 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration Date for Enrollment:

January 26, 2026

Approximate Class Size: 18

Toilet Trained: Yes

Registration Fee: \$170

Recurring Fees:

Preschool: (Monthly Rate) M/W/F
8:45-11:15am \$245 Monday – Friday HALF
DAY \$356 Monday – Friday FULL DAY \$567

Philosophy/General Purpose:

We are committed to Catholic education, developing faith life, building community and Christian service. We endeavor to create a school environment that fosters respect for each person and is conducive to learning. We offer a curriculum that develops the total person through science, mathematics, social studies, language arts, and religious studies.

Curriculum:

St. Margaret Mary offers a hands-on balanced academic approach to student learning. Students develop their understanding of letters and letter sounds, as well as build a foundation of number sense. Our curriculum builds students' awareness and understanding of the world around them through social learning.

Facilities:

Classroom, library, computer lab, chapel, music room, gym, cafeteria, fenced preschool playground with paved area for bikes.

Additional Information/Notes:

The school and teachers are licensed and accredited through the State of Illinois and the Diocese of Rockford.



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