

# **Preschool Resources**



This packet contains information on participting providers as of 10/31/25.

at Helen Plum Library

Preschool Fair Sat, Nov 8, 2025 10am-12pm

# How Do I Get a Library Card?

A library card is available to anyone who lives within the Helen Plum Library District.

Scan the QR code for more info and to fill out an online form. Or sign up in-person at the Welcome Desk!



# DEVELOPMENTALSCREENINGS



# THU, DEC 4 • 9:30AM-12:30PM

in the Youth Services Department

Learn how your child is growing and developing! The Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative will be offering free developmental screenings which focus on communication, gross motor skills, problem solving, and personal-social skills. Families will receive activity ideas to encourage their children's development at home. If any concerns are identified, information will be provided for further assessment.



Ages 2 months-5 years, with participating adult

This is a partnership with:









411 South Main Street Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 627-0316 helenplum.org

# **Developmental Screenings**

The following early childhood centers serving Lombard also provide Developmental Screenings. If you want to find out where to obtain a developmental screening outside of these options and your child's health care professional, contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency (CCR&R). They will connect you with a local Child and Family Connections (CFC) office, and will know if other community screenings are going on in your area.



## **John Schroder Early Childhood Center**

1519 S. Grace Street, Lombard, IL 60148

Screenings are held four times a year by appointment only for children from birth to age 5. Once an appointment is

scheduled, a screening packet will be mailed. A parent/guardian must accompany the child and bring the completed packet to the screening.

Upcoming availability: Mon, Jan 26, 2026 and Thu, Mar 26, 2026

Contact Amy Schmidt, School Social Worker, with any questions at: aschmidt@sd44.org or (630) 827-4097





# **District 45 Early Childhood Center**

251 Jackson Street, Villa Park, IL 60181

Preschool screenings for children ages three to five years old are conducted throughout the school year. During the school year, please fill out the screening form to begin the screening

process. A screening packet can be mailed to your home or you can pick one up in person. Once you have completed the screening packet, please drop it off along with your proof of address and your child's birth certificate between 8am and 3pm on school days.

We also conduct birth through three-year-old screenings for children whose parents have concerns regarding their development in order to refer to Early Intervention services with Child and Family Connections. Please call Brenda Rivera at (630) 516-7563 if you have concerns about your child and want to be referred to Early Intervention. If you have a concern about your child and do NOT want to be referred to Early Intervention, we will screen your child after their third birthday. Please complete the screening request form after your child has turned three years of age. Early Childhood preschool services begin at age three years.



# Learning through Play at the Library



Join us for fun, learning, and friendship at our storytimes and playgroups! Our early learning programs offer a variety of age-appropriate activities, including stories, songs, sensory play, and exploration. Many of our programs are drop-in, but space may be limited. Visit our calendar at <a href="https://example.com/helenplum.org">helenplum.org</a> for more info and to see our upcoming schedule.

#### The Robin's Nest

Flock to the Robin's Nest! Enjoy an early literacy play space designed for our littlest learners to discover, play, and grow. You'll find custom play furniture, a light wall, and a special corner where babies can crawl, cruise, and explore. Don't forget your curiosity and your imagination!

# Discover, Learn, Play

#### **Youth Backpacks**

Spark curiosity and ignite learning! Packed with engaging books, games, and hands-on activities, these backpacks offer educational experiences for kids of all ages. Whether you're preparing for kindergarten or seeking enriching activities at home, our backpacks are the perfect way to foster a love of learning and exploration.

#### **Youth Games & Puzzles**

Discover a world of fun and learning with our diverse collection of educational toysand games, from classic board games to hands-on STEM activities and sensory play! Our collection is organized by age group, so you can find the perfect toys and games for your child's development. We also have tray puzzles, floor puzzles, and jigsaw puzzles to complete at home.



# Reading Programs

Visit <u>helenplum.org/reading-program</u>s for current information. Sign up in the Youth Services Department or through Beanstack at <u>helenplum.beanstack.org</u>.



#### **Grow a Reader**

Seedlings (birth-2 years old) or Bookworms (3-5 years old) Library card required

The best way to grow a reader is more than just reading! We've designed two challenges to support your family by tracking the number of books you read, completing fun activities, and celebrating along the way!

## **Summer Reading Program: Birth-High School**

Library card or attendance at a Lombard school required

Participants complete reading goals and earn prizes and books during summer break.

## **Online Tools for Families**

Learn anytime, anywhere with these online tools at the Library or at home. A Helen Plum Library card is required for access unless otherwise noted. Visit <a href="https://helenplum.org/online-resources">helenplum.org/online-resources</a> to get started and discover even more! \*Mobile app available



#### BookFlix (Scholastic)

#### Preschool-4th grade

A literacy tool that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks. Kids can read on their own or along with highlighted words and narration along with quizzes and games.





Little Pim\* via Mango Languages Birth-Kindergarten

An engaging language-learning tool perfect for babies, toddlers, and PreK learners, that makes it easy and fun to introduce a new language.



#### L0TE4Kids\*

#### Preschool-2nd grade

Read picture books in over 70 languages. Kids can read or listen in each language, and each book comes with English translation.



## TumbleBook Library\*

Preschool-3rd grade Library card not required

Explore hundreds of picture books, puzzles, and games from any computer, tablet, or mobile device, including in Spanish and French.



## Watch & Learn (Scholastic)

## Preschool-4th grade

Short educational videos on topics like health & safety, scientific investigation, and animals & plants. Available in Spanish. Includes educational standards and comprehension activities.



#### **Teachables (Scholastic)**

## Adult-directed for preschool-8th grade learners

A tool for parents and caregivers that offers a wealth of printable skill sheets, activities, projects, and games. You'll find engaging resources in a variety of curriculum areas to make learning fun.

#### Name of Preschool/Childcare: Christ Church Preschool Preschool Address: 501 Oak Brook Rd, Oak Brook Phone Number: Website: (630) 321-3931 ccpreschool.us Director's Name and Email: Ages Served: Laura Schofield Infants (6 weeks-12 months) lschofield@christchurch.us Toddlers (1-2 years) X Preschool (3-4 years) What makes your school unique?: X Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years) Christ Church Preschool offers exceptional Programs/Enrollment kindergarten readiness and academic programs **Options Offered:** within a nurturing, faith-based environment. Yes No Full-day program We offer flexible scheduling, including morning X or afternoon preschool, enrichment classes, Half-day (morning) X and we anticipate having extended hours next Half-day (afternoon) X school year. Before-school care We have a highly-trained staff, offer Spanish class After-school care X to all ages, have beautifully renovated classrooms, Summer programs X and have amazing indoor and outdoor large Parent/child classes motor spaces. Drop-in care Licensing/Requirements: Yes No Licensed by X the State of IL: Requires potty training? X

## Name of Preschool/Childcare: The Children's Garden at the Morton Arboretum Address: 4100 IL-53, Lisle Phone Number: Website: (630) 719-2468 mortonarb.org Ages Served: Director's Name and Email: Kathryn Neuffer, Infants (6 weeks-12 months) Supervisor of Early Childhood Programs Toddlers (1-2 years) kneuffer@mortonarb.org X Preschool (3-4 years) What makes your school unique?: X Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years) • Nature-based play programs that focus on Programs/Enrollment collaboration and social emotional learning. **Options Offered:** • Low ratios and outdoor learning. Yes No Full-day program Our programs are not yearlong, but we Half-day (morning) X • do offer many different options, from Half-day (afternoon) X accompanied one-time programs to Before-school care six-week-long drop-off programs. After-school care Summer programs X Parent/child classes X Drop-in care Licensing/Requirements: Yes No Licensed by X the State of IL: Requires X potty training?

# Name of Preschool/Childcare:

The Gardner School at Yorktown Center

# Address:

98 Yorktown, Lombard

# Phone Number:

(630) 519-6760

# Website:

thegardnerschool.com



# Director's Name and Email:

Angelika Merchut angelika.merchut@thegardnerschool.com

# What makes your school unique?:

Our academic-focused schools use a blended selection of research-based curricula that are designed to stimulate your child's intellectual growth and establish a love for learning. We also incorporate creative play and enrichment activities that support their physical, social, and emotional development.

- Academically-focused learning with research-based curriculum
- NAEYC Accredited
- Real-time updates through the parent communications app with photos, nap and feeding times, and school announcements
- Safe and secure environment
- Inviting classrooms with lead preschool teachers with four-year degrees
- Delicious, healthy meals in the Kids' Café
- · Open-door policy for daily check-ins
- Enrichment program opportunities
- Convenient location in Yorktown Center community of Lombard

# Ages Served:

Infants (6 weeks-12 months)

X

X

Preschool (3-4 years)

Toddlers (1-2 years)

X

Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years)

# Programs/Enrollment Options Offered:

	Yes	No
Full-day program	X	
Half-day (morning)		X
Half-day (afternoon)		X
Before-school care		X
After-school care		X
Summer programs	X	
Parent/child classes		X
Drop-in care		X

# Licensing/Requirements:

Licensed by
the State of IL:

Yes	N
X	

Requires
potty training?





#### Name of Preschool/Childcare: **Growing Place Preschool** Address: 1111 E. Madison St, Lombard Phone Number: Website: (630) 627-0802 growingplacepreschool.org Ages Served: Director's Name and Email: Doris Holden Infants (6 weeks-12 months) doris@growingplacepreschool.org Toddlers (1-2 years) X Preschool (3-4 years) What makes your school unique?: X Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years) We are a play-based program. The Growing Place Programs/Enrollment Preschool of Lombard is a preschool that inspires **Options Offered:** a love of learning through creativity and imagination, challenges children by encouraging Yes No Full-day program independence, and motivates children to work towards their greatest potential. Half-day (morning) Half-day (afternoon) 2-Year Old Preschool Class - Potty training Before-school care not required 3-Year Old Preschool Class After-school care • Pre-Kindergarten Class (4-5 Year Old Summer programs Preschool Class) Parent/child classes • We offer a summer camp for children ages 3-5. Drop-in care Licensing/Requirements: Yes No Licensed by X the State of IL: Requires X

potty training?

# Name of Preschool/Childcare: Creative Montessori Learning Center Address: 550 S. Edgewood Ave, Lombard EARNING CENTER Phone Number: Website: (630) 620-5505 creativemontessori.com Director's Name and Email: Ages Served: Nayna Pillai Infants (6 weeks-12 months) info@creativemontessori.com Toddlers (1-2 years) X Preschool (3-4 years) What makes your school unique?: X Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years) • Montessori preschool and daycare. Programs/Enrollment **Options Offered:** • We have dedicated staff who care about the development of children. Yes No Full-day program X We offer an environment in which each child Half-day (morning) X can grow at their own pace. Half-day (afternoon) Before-school care After-school care Summer programs Parent/child classes X Drop-in care Licensing/Requirements: Yes No Licensed by X the State of IL: Requires potty training? X

# Name of Preschool/Childcare:

St. Pius X Parish School

# Address:

601 S. Westmore-Meyers Rd, Lombard

# Phone Number:

(630) 627-2353

# Website:

school.stpiuslombard.org



# Director's Name and Email:

Dennis Owen, Principal schooloffice@stpiuslombard.org

# What makes your school unique?:

St. Pius X Parish School's preschool program offers a warm, nurturing environment where children begin their educational journey rooted in faith, kindness, and discovery. Our flexible preschool options cater to families' busy schedules, with both half-day and full-day programs and extended care available.

Our preschool programs lay the groundwork for future success, blending creativity, structure, and exploration to inspire a love for learning in every child.

# Curriculum Highlights:

- Faith-based learning through prayers, songs, and Bible stories
- Social and emotional growth, emphasizing kindness and good manners
- Play-based and hands-on STEAM activities to spark curiosity
- Fine arts enrichment, including singing, art, and role-playing
- Development of fine and gross motor skills through engaging activities
- Foundational academic skills such as letter sounds, sight words, counting, and weather

Ages Ser	ved:
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Infants (6 weeks-12 months)

Toddlers (1-2 years)

Preschool (3-4 years)

# Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years)

Programs/Enrollment
Options Offered:

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Half-day (morning)	
Half-day (afternoon)	

Full-day program

Before-school care

Summer programs

After-school care

Parent/child classes

Drop-in care

Yes

No

# Licensing/Requirements:

Licensed by the State of IL:

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Yes X

No

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# Name of Preschool/Childcare:

St. John's Lutheran School - Lombard

# Address:

220 S. Lincoln Ave, Lombard

# Phone Number:

(630) 932-3196

# Website:

stjohnslombard.com



# Director's Name and Email:

Christina Noellsch, Admissions Director cnoellsch@sjleagles.com

# What makes your school unique?:

Our preschool follows a faith-based, play-based educational philosophy that blends academic readiness with hands-on learning and exploration. Each class is designed to nurture the whole child by supporting their spiritual, social, emotional, and academic growth through a balance of structure and freedom. Children engage in age-appropriate activities across reading, writing, math, science, and the arts, along with daily opportunities for creative play and social development. Through the use of Christ-centered curriculum and engaging programs like Jolly Phonics, we foster early literacy and a love for learning in a supportive, joyful environment. Weekly chapel, music, and physical education further enrich the experience and help each child grow in faith and knowledge. Families will find that our preschool offers a warm, faith-filled environment where children are known, loved, and encouraged to grow. Our licensed teachers and administrators provide exceptional care and instruction that supports the whole child. We offer a dedicated early childhood playground designed for safe and active play, along with before and after school care to support working families. Classroom structure allows for individual attention and differentiated instruction, helping each child thrive at their own pace. Weekly chapel, music, and physical education, along with hands-on learning experiences, create a joyful and well-rounded preschool experience rooted in Christian values.

Ages Served:	
Infants (6 weeks-12 months)	
Toddlers (1-2 years)	
Preschool (3-4 years)	X
Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years)	X

Options Offered:		
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Full-day program	X	
Half-day (morning)	X	
Half-day (afternoon)		ľ

Programs/Enrollment

Before-school care	
After-school care	

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	X

Drop-in care	

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Director's Name and En Liza Moraitis Imoraitis@prairieschoolofdu  What makes your school	page.org ol unique?:	Ages Servinders (6 well) Infants (6 well) Toddlers (1-4) Preschool (3) Pre-Kinderg	eeks-12 m 2 years) 3-4 years)		
Forest Preschool at Prairie School of DuPage is an entirely outdoor mixed-age early childhood program. The Forest Preschool is based on the German model of Waldkindergartens, distinguished by its commitment to full nature immersion, interest led learning, emergent curriculum, place-based focus, inquiry-based teaching style and authentic play.  Being outside encourages imaginative play, creativity, hand-eye coordination, balance, physical strength and mental clarity. When children's natural curiosity is encouraged, learning flows organically from stimuli encountered in the		Programs Options C  Full-day pro Half-day (me Half-day (af Before-school Summer pro Parent/child Drop-in care	offered: ogram orning) ternoon) ool care ol care ograms d classes	Yes  X  X  X	No X X X X X
outdoors. The ever-changing landscape of Prairie School of DuPage's 42-acre campus provides endless opportunities for curiosities to be piqued, and for learning and discoveries to be made.  A student teacher ratio of 1:5.		Licensing Licensed by the State of Requires potty training	, IL:	Yes  X	No

#### Name of Preschool/Childcare: The Co-Op Preschool Address: 220 S. Main St, Lombard Phone Number: Website: THE CO-OP Preschool (630) 629-2630 x 214 thecooppreschool.com Director's Name and Email: Ages Served: Michelle Bauman Infants (6 weeks-12 months) director@thecooppreschool.com Toddlers (1-2 years) X Preschool (3-4 years) What makes your school unique?: X Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years) Our philosophy is learn through play. Our Programs/Enrollment students engage in age appropriate small and **Options Offered:** large motor, math, and art activities based on weekly themes. Yes No Full-day program X We are a Co-Op school, where parents have the Half-day (morning) X option to help out in the classrooms a few times Half-day (afternoon) X a year if interested. We have numerous family Before-school care events and parent nights out throughout the year! After-school care Summer programs X Parent/child classes X Drop-in care Licensing/Requirements: Yes No Licensed by X the State of IL: Requires potty training?

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Address:					
241 E. Roosevelt Rd, Lombar	d			$///\Lambda$	
Phone Number:	Website:		Acco	dom	111
(844) 223-5456	ilmmontessori.org		АСИ	den	ıy
Director's Name and Em	nail:	Ages Ser	ved:		
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ilm.montessori@gmail.com		Toddlers (1-2 years)			
		Preschool (	3-4 years)		X
What makes your school	ol unique?:	Pre-Kinder	garten (4-5	years)	X
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Arabic language and Qur	'an memorizing.	Options (		IIIGIII	
Islamic education in a Montessori school		•		Yes	No
setting is the best metho	d to start your	Full-day pro	ogram	X	
child's education journey		Half-day (m	orning)	X	
		Half-day (at	ternoon)		X
		Before-sch	ool care	X	
		After-school	ol care	X	
		Summer pr	ograms		X
		Parent/chil	d classes		X
		Drop-in car	е		X
		Licensin	g/Requir	rement	ts:
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		Licensed by the State of	•	X	
		Requires			
		potty traini	ng?	X	

#### Name of Preschool/Childcare: York Center Park District Address: 1609 S. Luther Ave, Lombard Phone Number: Website: (630) 629-0886 ycpdfun.myrec.com Ages Served: Director's Name and Email: Melyssa Otake Infants (6 weeks-12 months) melyssa@ycpd.fun Toddlers (1-2 years) Preschool (3-4 years) What makes your school unique?: Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years) York Center Park District's Preschool embraces a Programs/Enrollment play-based learning approach that helps children **Options Offered:** grow through hands-on exploration and creativity. Our program supports development in key areas, Yes No including Phonemic Awareness, Critical Thinking, Full-day program X Motor Skills, Social-Emotional Growth, Dramatic Play, Half-day (morning) X and Crafts. Our goal is to create a nurturing Half-day (afternoon) environment where play sparks learning and every child's imagination can thrive. Before-school care After-school care X York Center Park District's Preschool offers a warm, play-based environment where children learn Summer programs through hands-on exploration. Our low student-to-Parent/child classes X teacher ratio ensures personalized attention and X meaningful connections. We offer flexible preschool Drop-in care options to fit your family's needs, including half-day, Licensing/Requirements: full day, and after school programs. Whether you're looking for a shorter session or a full schedule, we Yes No have a plan that works for you. Our goal is to provide Licensed by X enriching, play-based learning in a format that the State of IL: supports both children and parents. Each option includes engaging activities, social development, Requires potty training? X and creative exploration.

#### Name of Preschool/Childcare: Tender Loving Care Montessori School Address: 30 N. Park Ave, Lombard Website: Phone Number: tlcmontessorischool.com (630) 932-7777 Director's Name and Email: Ages Served: Dr. Mona Johnson, Owner & Administrative Infants (6 weeks-12 months) Director tlcmontessoriorg@yahoo.com Toddlers (1-2 years) Elourde Campbell, Site Director Preschool (3-4 years) tlcmontessori2019@gmail.com Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 years) What makes your school unique?: Programs/Enrollment • At Tender Loving Care Montessori, we believe that every **Options Offered:** child is naturally curious, capable, and deserving of a Yes No learning environment filled with love, warmth, and respect. Full-day program Guided by the Montessori method and proudly affiliated with the American Montessori Society (AMS), we offer a Half-day (morning) nurturing space where learning begins with love and grows with purpose. Half-day (afternoon) • Children learn through hands-on exploration, self-directed activity, and gentle guidance from experienced teachers. Before-school care We nurture independence, build confidence, and inspire a After-school care lifelong love of learning. Our low student-to-teacher ratio ensures each child Summer programs receives the personal attention they need to thrive. • Our caring staff create a peaceful, inclusive environment Parent/child classes where children feel safe, supported, and valued every day. Drop-in care • We support early development through meaningful Montessori experiences that engage both mind and body. A thoughtfully structured daily routine that includes Licensing/Requirements: outdoor walks and nutritious meals. • Education at Tender Loving Care Montessori School is a Yes No Licensed by journey of empowerment where children grow into curious, X capable, and confident learners for life. the State of IL: • When children feel loved, respected, and inspired, there is no limit to what they can become. Requires

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We offer full-time and part-time (3 full days/week) options.

Name of Preschool/Chil	dcare:				
Kiddie Campus Preschool Lombard Park District					
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820 S. Finley Rd, Lombard			B	PRESCHO  LEARNING TAROUGA	PLAY
Phone Number:	Website:				
(630) 620-7322	lombardparks.com				
Director's Name and En	nail:	Ages Serv	ved:		
Karen Stanley kstanley@lombardparks.com What makes your schoo		Infants (6 we Toddlers (1-2) Preschool (3) Pre-Kinderg	2 years) 3-4 years)	·	
• The Kiddie Campus is a p	lay-based preschool.	Programs	s/Enrolli	ment	
<ul> <li>The Kiddie Campus is a play-based preschool.</li> <li>The Kiddie Campus has a low student-child ratio with long-term teaching staff.</li> <li>We are located in the Sunset Knoll Recreation Center with an outdoor learning space and a park setting that allows for nature walks.</li> </ul>		Options C  Full-day pro Half-day (me) Half-day (aff Before-school After-school Summer pro Parent/child Drop-in care	gram orning) ternoon) ool care ol care ograms I classes	Yes  X X X X	No   X
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		Requires potty trainir	ng?	X	