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Little Learners  
**PRESCHOOL**

AT VERNON HILLS PARK DISTRICT

2025–2026 SCHOOL YEAR

**GROW and DISCOVER with us!**

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## OUR CURRICULUM & PHILOSOPHY

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

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

Children participate in a variety of learning opportunities designed to develop independence, problem-solving, critical-thinking, creativity, self-expression as well as social and academic skills. Classroom interest centers and activities offer rich exposure to literacy, mathematics, science and technology, social studies, the arts, and English language acquisition to prepare our preschoolers for elementary school and beyond.

- Intentional classroom communities where children feel safe, help one another, and feel a part of the group
- Mutual relationships with each child and family
- Positive guidance strategies including offering choices, employing redirection, altering the environment, and reflection
- Special events and celebrations
- Community involvement and local field trips
- Positive and rewarding preschool experience





## CLASSROOM INTEREST CENTERS

Little Learners Preschool classrooms are equipped with activity centers designed to create defined interest areas that limit distractions, foster more complex play, and promote collaboration and socialization. Within each classroom, you will find the following:

- Dramatic Play
- Math and Manipulatives
- Science and Discovery
- Art Exploration
- Sand and Water Table (Sensory)
- Library
- Music and Movement
- Learning Toys and Games
- Technology/Writing

## PRESCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

- Incorporates individual, small group, and large group interaction between children and their peers/teachers.
- Children are kept active and engaged throughout the day.
- All aspects of the curriculum, as well as classroom centers and toys, are carefully selected to encourage exploratory learning.
- Children will participate in choice time, small group learning, art, circle time, and fine/gross motor activities.
- Families receive monthly calendars and classroom updates through the Brightwheel App.



## SULLIVAN COMMUNITY CENTER AMENITIES

- Preschool playground for outdoor play
- Gymnasium for indoor gross motor activities
- Walnut Room for special events and performances
- Aspen Dance Studio for creative movement experiences



## 2025-2026 School Year

### 2-Year-Olds

Must be 2 years old by 9/1/25.

<b>T/Th</b>	9/2-5/21	9-11a	R / NR: \$1890 / \$2079	<b>Room A</b>	105490
<b>M/W/F</b>	9/3-5/22	9-11a	R / NR: \$2835 / \$3119	<b>Room A</b>	105491

### 3-Year-Olds

Must be 3 years old by 9/1/25, and restroom independent.

<b>T/Th</b>	9/2-5/21	8:35-11:35a	R / NR: \$2145 / \$2340	<b>Room D</b>	105492
<b>M/W/F</b>	9/3-5/22	8:35-11:35a	R / NR: \$3217 / \$3539	<b>Room D</b>	105493

### 4-Year-Olds

Must be 4 years old by 9/1/25, and restroom independent.

<b>M/W/F</b>	9/3-5/22	8:45-11:45a	R / NR: \$3284 / \$3612	<b>Room C</b>	105494
<b>T/W/Th</b>	9/2-5/21	8:45-11:45a	R / NR: \$3217 / \$3539	<b>Room B</b>	105495

### Preschool Enrichment | 3-4 Years | Extend your M/W/F day!

Must be 3-4 years old by 9/1/25, and restroom independent.

<b>M/W/F</b>	9/3-5/22	11:45a-2:30p	R / NR: \$2949 / \$3244	<b>Room D</b>	105496
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*Children enrolled in Little Learners Preschool (three and four-year-old classes) must be able to use the restroom independently. The routine use of diapers or pull-ups is not permitted. Children enrolled in Little Learners Preschool (two-year-old classes) may wear diapers or pull-ups to class; however our instructors are not responsible for changing diapers. A parent or caregiver must be able to return to class to assist with restroom needs.*



## Preschool Enrichment

### *3-4 Years as of September 1, 2025*

The Vernon Hills Park District offers a quality Preschool Enrichment experience for preschoolers who attend a morning preschool program. Preschool Enrichment is a unique and multifaceted program that is designed to further your child's learning and spark their interests in a variety of activities such as art, math, science, music, movement, literacy, phonics, cooking, and outdoor play. Children partake in meaningful learning experiences designed to foster their kindergarten readiness skills. It's the perfect complimentary preschool program and stepping stone to all day Kindergarten. Children must bring a sack lunch and beverage each day.

## Extend the Play

Children enrolled in morning preschool have a variety of class options to extend their preschool day. Our unique play-based programs allow children to dabble in math, science, art, literacy, physical activity, and cooperative play. Our unique Extend the Play program offerings are theme-based and advertised in our seasonal program guides.





**Prior to the 2025-26 Little Learners Preschool year, children can partake in a variety of preschool age summer camps. For additional details, see the Summer Camp Guide released the week of February 4.**

### **Preschool Camp | 3-4 Years**

Discover, learn, play and explore! Activities include arts & crafts, stories, games, and themed activities. Campers will enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities weather permitting.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Time</b>
6/2-6/27	M/W/F	8:45a-12:00p
6/30-7/25*	M/W/F	8:45a-12:00p
6/3-6/26	Tu/W/Th	8:45a-12:00p
7/1-7/24*	Tu/W/Th	8:45a-12:00p

Sullivan Community Center, Preschool Room B & D

*\*No camp 7/3-4.*

### **STEAM Camp | 3-4 Years**

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics at our story-based STEAM Camp. Learn about the preschool scientific method, problem-solve and make discoveries as you participate in hands-on learning. This action-packed camp will encourage avid STEAM investigators to explore, invent, and conduct basic science experiments.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Time</b>
6/3-6/26	Tu/Th	8:45a-12:00p
7/1-7/24*	Tu/Th	8:45a-12:00p

Sullivan Community Center, Preschool Room C

*\*No camp 7/3*

### Safety Town Camp | 3-6 Years

An early safety education is important. Children are more prepared to act/react when they have basic safety knowledge and skills. Safety Town instructors and guest speakers introduce basic safety concepts and skills. Camp activities include songs, games, stories, art projects, and guided-play in Safety Town. Each child receives materials to extend safe learning at home. Prior classroom experience recommended. Bring a bike helmet to camp.

Dates	Days	Time
7/28-8/1	M-F	8:45-11:45am
7/28-8/1	M-F	12:15-3:15pm

Sullivan Community Center, Preschool Room C

### Superhero Camp | 3-5 Years

Become your favorite superhero and showcase your extraordinary powers at Superhero Camp. Camp includes stories, art, games, and activities fit for crime-fighting superheroes everywhere.

Dates	Days	Time
5/19-5/23	M-F	9:00-11:30 am

Sullivan Community Center, Preschool Room A

### Enchanted Prince & Princess Camp | 3-5 Years

Enter a world of magic and make-believe and experience royal life. Camp includes stories, art, games, and activities perfect for aspiring royalty.

Dates	Days	Time
5/19-5/23	M-F	12:00-2:30 pm

Sullivan Community Center, Preschool Room D

## FROM OUR PARENTS

***“I am so grateful to the teachers at Little Learners.***

*My son had never been away from me until he started this program. We enrolled him along with the enrichment program and couldn't be happier. He has learned so much, become more confident, learned to make friends and most importantly is excited about school every day that he goes. The communication from the teachers about what they have learned daily is thorough and the pictures we receive of the kids doing their activities is a bonus. We absolutely love both of the programs.” – Naz*

***“Little Learners Preschool is an awesome program.***

*My daughter has been there for two years. She's so happy to learn new things and find new friends! The teachers are wonderful.” – Katina*

***“I enjoy sending my kids to Little Learners***

*because the teachers/staff are so great! I also love all the different classes that are offered!” – Sarah V.*



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