

ALLEN
**PRESCHOOL
DIRECTORY**

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A GUIDE TO EDUCATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS
IN THE ALLEN, TX COMMUNITY FOR PRESCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

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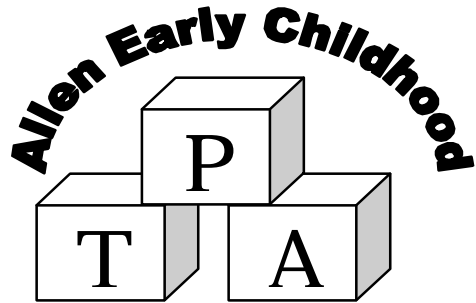
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A Guide to Educational Facilities

For Preschool Children in Allen, Texas

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**Allen Early Childhood PTA
(AECPTA)**



**“Building our children’s future
one block at a time.”**

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ABOUT THE AECPTA...

The Allen Early Childhood PTA is a support group for parents of children from birth through six years of age. We provide a place to meet other parents of preschoolers and to share experiences, problems, and solutions. You do not need to have your child enrolled in preschool to join the AECPTA. We are not affiliated with any specific preschool in this area. We are associated with the National and Texas State PTA.

Our general meetings are held the second Friday of each month September through May. There is no December meeting. We meet at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville in Allen (one block south of Bethany on Greenville). Nursery check-in starts at 9:15, a short business meeting starts at 9:30, followed by a program that lasts until 11:00. Our programs cover topics of interest and concern to parents of young children.

While you are enjoying the meeting, your child will have the opportunity to play with other children the same age. They are divided into age groups in separate rooms; infants and toddlers are cared for in a nursery filled with age appropriate toys. Older preschoolers participate in a planned program of activities including crafts, stories, and outdoor play if weather permits. There is a small fee charged to help defray the cost of the sitters.

We offer our members various services and activities that are of interest to parents of preschoolers. We have age based and multi age playgroups that meet weekly. Several field trips are planned each month. The babysitting coop provides substitute care for our children when we have to leave them. Members watch each other's children in exchange for coupons entitling them to babysitting at some future date.

In sum, we try to provide assistance to parents of preschoolers, to help them develop parenting skills, to enhance their children's early years and their overall development. We believe that parents are the first teachers and we seek to support them in that role.

For more information, please visit our website at
www.AECPTA.com

AECPTA Mission Statement

To provide an open and supportive organization with a diverse membership of families with young children by developing programs and projects which support the objectives of the PTA in a safe and nurturing environment.

History

The Allen Early Childhood PTA (or AECPTA) was chartered on March 8, 1989. Our belief is that a child's first teacher is his/her parent and we at the AECPTA are here to help support parents in all areas of parenting while their children are still young. Members are parents of children whose ages range from birth to Kindergarten who need a common arena in which to share experiences, problems and solutions. The AECPTA is a community wide organization to meet the needs of families in our community.

The AECPTA is proud of its many accomplishments. We support many community service projects throughout the year. Last year donations were made to the Allen Community Outreach Center, the Allen Animal Shelter, the Allen Food Pantry and Victoria Gardens, just to name a few.

The AECPTA also provides educational programs for parents. Members as well as educators and others from the community are encouraged to attend these programs.

The AECPTA is proud of the Sunshine Committee. It is made up of individuals within the PTA who help other members during times of need such as births, deaths and emergencies.

The AECPTA is involved in many other functions and activities. We sponsor the Allen Independent School District's yearly Kindergarten Readiness Program and we participate in council and state PTA sponsored activities. Several members attend the state summer seminar, and our children participate in the PTA Reflections program.

Characteristics of a Good Preschool

- The classroom is organized in an orderly, uncluttered fashion
- The general climate is welcoming, relaxed, comfortable, cheerful, and open to exploration.
- Shelves and storage areas are clearly labeled and organized for efficient use by the children.
- Shelves are the proper size for the materials.
- Shelves and storage areas are of a convenient height and depth for the children to reach materials easily.
- Pictures are hung at the children's eye level.
- Materials are clean and in good condition. (No missing or broken parts, no marks or dirt.)
- An area is provided for quiet activities.
- There is adequate outside play area and facilities for active indoor play during inclement weather.
- Materials are changed to retain the children's interest.
- New materials are added as the children progress so that the child's interest is stimulated.
- The teacher respects individual differences.
- The teacher demonstrates to the child the correct procedure for handling materials rather than calling attention to his error.
- The teacher speaks to the children in a pleasant natural tone, avoiding a singsong or whisper tone.
- The teacher uses "please" and "thank you" as examples.
- The teacher encourages independence by having children do things for themselves or having children help each other.
- The teacher intervenes when a child is misusing the materials or is disrespectful to another.
- The teacher encourages desirable behavior rather than drawing attention to undesirable behavior.
- The teacher gives the child the opportunity to make decisions and accepts their choices within the stated limits of the class.
- Children do real things like cooking, planting seeds, or caring for animals.
- The teacher takes time to listen and answer the children.
- The teacher tells the children; by giving a signal or warning ahead of time that the work period is ending so that the child may complete his work.
- The teacher shows respect for a child's style and pace of learning.
- The teacher allows creative expression in art media without imposition of model standards, realistic representation, or adult aesthetic standards.
- The teacher is alert to the whereabouts and actions of all children at all times.
- The teacher provides for physical movement. The children are not made to sit for long periods.
- The teacher and staff conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- The teacher and staff are friendly but professional with the parents.
- The children put their own materials away after each use.
- The children are not unusually quiet or overly noisy.
- The teacher-child ratio is consistent with the age of the children and the size of the classroom.
- There should be provision for supervised and comfortable isolation of any child having "suspicious symptoms" of infection.
- The center welcomes parents to observe, discuss policies, make suggestions, talk things over and perhaps participate in the work of the center.
- Cushioning materials are used to cut down extraneous noises i.e. rug under blocks, pads under knock out bench.
- There are opportunities for children to play alone, participate in a small group, and participate in a large group.
- There should be many opportunities for dramatic play: i.e. housekeeping center, dress-up clothes for boys and girls.
- There are a variety of basic visual art media such as painting, drawing, clay, finger paint, or collage.
- Music is a vital part of the program.
- Language stimulation is varied: i.e., reading books, stories, questions and answers, conversation or classification games.
- Field trips are planned to give an enlarged insight into the world around us. There is adequate preparation and follow up after the trips.

Allen Montessori Academy

612 Pebblebrook Drive, Allen, TX 75002

(972) 727-8833

Director's Name: Irina Kremen

www.allenmontessori.org

Brief Philosophy: Allen Montessori Academy's goal is to provide the best value for your investment in your child's education. We continually improve our services with excellent certified Montessori teachers and parent involvement. We provide a safe, friendly environment and an effective curriculum. We provide an educational experience that assists in the growth of the child's sense of independence, love of peace, self respect and self gratification. We carefully seek to instill values such as polite behavior, acceptance and uniqueness of each person. Children learn more by touching, seeing, smelling, tasting, and exploring than just listening. Children teach themselves. A child's inner need "Help me to do it by myself".

Curriculum: Montessori helps develop and sharpen all five senses. We help develop the child's concentration, control of movement, eye-hand coordination, sense of order, physical development and independence. The child learns from the environment therefore, the material layout of the school is set up to suit the needs, interests, abilities and development of the children in the class.

Brief History: Allen Montessori Academy has been in Allen since 1982. For a quarter of a century we have been giving children the opportunity to develop at their own pace in a safe and nurturing environment.

School Calendar Followed: AISD **Religious Affiliation:** No

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: Open Enrollment Year Round

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days/Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
6 wks – 18 mos	M – F	6:30 – 6:00	2:10
1 ½ - 3	M – F	6:30 – 6:00	1:12
3 - 5	M – F	6:30 – 6:00	2:17

*Full-time, Part-time and After school care available

Registration Fee: \$150 **Tuition:** varies with age and program

Materials/Activity Fee: \$200 **Total Enrollment:** 70

Mother's Day Out: Part/Full time **Daycare:** Part/Full Time

Licensed: State of Texas **Accredited:** Montessori AMS

Apple Creek Private Preschool

802 S. Alma Drive, Allen, TX 75013 - (972) 396-0099

Director's Name: Carol Thies

www.applecreekpreschool.com

Brief Philosophy: Apple Creek Preschool is committed to providing a high quality pre-school that will build each child's self-esteem by giving positive motivation and enriching learning activities. Each child's individual needs are met by providing a wealth of learning opportunities for social, academic, physical and creative growth. Mission statement: *Building a foundation of academic and social success through a love of learning.*

Brief History: Apple Creek Preschool (formerly known as Apple Valley Schoolhouse) was established in 1987 in the home of Tammie L. Williams. The new building opened in January 2000 as Apple Creek Private Preschool.

Curriculum: The Pinnacle program for two-year olds provides a warm and friendly environment that uses hands on center based activities to encourage early learning. The Let's Begin With the Letter People program for three-year olds is a comprehensive curriculum organized around themes. The Land of the Letter People program for four-year olds helps develop literacy, math, science and social skills. The Pre-K curriculum utilizes the Read, Write and Listen program from MacMillan/McGraw Hill.

School Calendar Followed: PISD **Religious Affiliation:** No

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: First week of February

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
2	T/TH or M/W/F	8:30-11 or 12-2:30	2:12
3 & 4	T/TH or M/W/F	8:30-11:10 or 12-2:40	2:14/2:16
4 ½-5	M-F	8:30-11:15 or 12-2:45	2:16

Registration Fee: \$125-\$175

Tuition: \$190-\$375

Materials/Activity Fee: No

Total Enrollment: 260

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: No

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: NAEYC National Academy of Early Childhood Programs

Children's Creative Playday
First United Methodist Church
 601 S. Greenville, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 396-7575
 Director's Name: Casey Garland
www.fumcallen.org/playday/

Brief Philosophy: Our goal is to provide a warm, loving and safe environment in which children can grow and learn. We seek to educate the whole child through creative hands-on learning experiences that utilize exploration in learning centers. We strongly believe in working with parents to ensure their child's physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth. Playday is a carefully planned, quality program that provides opportunities for successful learning experiences.

Brief History: More than 30 years in the Allen community!

Curriculum: The 18 month and two year old classes are taught mostly social skills. The three year-old classes use our own curriculum developed from different resource books. The four year-old classes use the We Can Curriculum. The Transitional Kindergarten classes use Saxon Phonics, Math and Writing. Children in the 5's enrichment program are prepared to attend public school kindergarten or first grade.

Religious Affiliation: Methodist School Calendar: AISD
Summer Program: No
Registration Date for Following Year: February

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
18 mos.	M, T, W or TH	9:00-1:45	1:6
18 mos.	M/W or T/TH	9:00-1:45	1:7
2 yrs.	M/W or T/TH	9:00-1:45	1:8
3 yrs.	M/W or T/TH	9:00-1:45	1:10
3 yrs.	MTW or TWTH	9:00-1:45	1:11
4 yrs	M/W or T/TH	9:00-1:45	1:12
4 yrs.	MTW or TWTH	9:00-1:45	1:12
4 yrs.	M-TH	9:00-1:45	1:12
T-Kdg	M-TH	9:00-1:45	1:12

(5 yrs by Oct. 1st)

Registration Fee: \$125 – 295

Tuition: \$110 – 295

Total Enrollment: 200

Mother's Day Out: Yes

Daycare: No

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: No

Children's Lighthouse Learning Center
 1227 W. McDermott Drive, Allen, TX 75013 - (972) 747-1180
 Director's Name: Sandy Young
www.childrenslighthouse.com

Brief Philosophy: The Brown family believes that education and fun go hand and hand. A happy child is a healthy child. They want each child to enjoy their formative years at their state of the art centers. It is their goal to help each child develop the intellectual and social skills to excel in their rapidly changing world.

Brief History: Children's Lighthouse was founded April of 1997 by the Brown family; there are now many D/FW area locations.

Curriculum: Children's Lighthouse uses the ABeka preschool learning program. ABeka is a nationally acclaimed curriculum, which is recognized for phonics, math, social skill development, vocabulary, values and morals in an age appropriate manner.

School Calendar Followed: Open year round; closed major holidays

Summer Program: Yes , Open year round

Registration Date for Following Year: Open Enrollment

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days/Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Birth – School Age	Monday – Friday	6:30 – 6:30

After School Care: Yes

Registration Fee: Call for information

Tuition: Varies, Based on the age of the child

Materials/Activity Fee: varies

Total Enrollment: 200

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: Private Preschool

Licensed: State of Texas

Discovery Days
First Baptist Church
 201 W. McDermott, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 727-7241
 Director's Name: Vickie Nugent
www.discoverydays.fbcallen.org

Brief Philosophy: Designed to extend the ministry of First Baptist Church by providing days of fun and learning for children. It is a learning experience through planned recreation, art, music, Bible stories, and social interaction with children their own age. It is accomplished by providing developmentally appropriate activities and guidance for each child.

Brief History: Discovery Days has been at First Baptist Church in Allen for more than 22 years.

Curriculum: Using the Wee Learn Curriculum Guide to provide guidance and activities in each unit to help each child develop language, reading, writing, and math skills appropriate to his or her stage of development.

Religious Affiliation: Baptist

School Calendar Followed: AISD, School Year is August through May

Summer Program: No

Registration Date for Following Year: February

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
2 yrs.	T or M/W or T/Th	9:30 - 2:00	1:8
3 yrs.	M/W or T/TH	9:30 - 2:00	1:12
4 yrs.	M/W or T/TH	9:30 - 2:00	1:12
4 yrs.	M/T/Th or T/W/Th	9:30 - 2:00	1:12
Kindergarten	M - Th	9:30 - 2:00	1:12

After School Care: No

Registration Fee: 1-Day: \$60, 2-Day: \$75-85, 3-Day: \$100, K: \$145

Tuition: 1-Day: \$80, 2-Day: \$140, 3-Day: \$225, K: \$280

Materials/Activity Fee: 50-100

Total Enrollment: 152

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: No

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: No

Exclusively 3, 4 & 5 / Exclusively Before & After

200 W. Boyd Drive, Suite C, Allen, TX 75013

(972) 390-9535 or (972) 390-7162

Director's Name: Alyce Bolowskie

www.alleneba.com

Brief Philosophy: Children learn through play. Sitting at a desk at pre-K age and learning is not the best environment for learning. Playing games, manipulating objects, working on areas of interest allowing children to learn at their pace.

Brief History: Exclusively Before & After began as school-age care only; due to parental interest and demand a Pre-K program was developed for 3 years and up.

Curriculum: Learning is fun when you go from concrete to abstract thought. Students are prepared to enter public school and learn social skills, shapes, writing, counting and color recognition without force.

Religious Affiliation: No

School Calendar Followed: Closed National Holidays

Summer Program: Open throughout the summer

Registration Date for Following Year: Open Registration

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
3-5 yrs.	M-F	6:30 - 6:30	1:14

Registration Fee & Tuition: Contact center for your specific needs

Materials/Activity Fee: No

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: No

Gem Express Preschool

Grace Evangelical Free Church

2005 Estates Parkway, Lucas, TX 75002 - (972) 727-0071

Director's Name: Diana Abbott

www.grace-efc.org

Brief Philosophy: Your child's well being is our first priority in the selection of curriculum, staff, supplies, programs and activities. Our goal is to give each child the best early education possible, within the framework of a Christian atmosphere.

Brief History: Began in 2001. Transitional Kindergarten program added in 2002.

Curriculum: The 2, 3 and 4 year old classes use Carpenters Kids curriculum for letter and number recognition skills. Supplementary resources are used for Bible, art, music, science and center activities. All ages attend chapel, music, and Spanish once a week.

Religious Affiliation: Yes – Grace Evangelical Free Church

School Calendar Followed: AISD

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: Early – February

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio*</u>
18 mos.	TTh	9:00 – 2:00	1:8
2 yrs.	MWF or TTh or Th	9:00 - 2:00	1:8
3 yrs.	MWF or TTh	9:00 - 2:00	1:12
4 yrs.	TTh, MWF or MTWTh	9:00 - 2:00	1:14
Kindergarten	MTWTh	9:00 - 2:00	1:12

* Plus one teacher's assistant for every two classes

Registration Fee: varies

Tuition: varies per age and class

Materials/Activity Fee: Included

Total Enrollment: 115

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: No

Licensed: State of Texas

Members: Association of Christian Schools International

Kid Care

Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church

1015 Highway 121, Allen, TX 75013 (972) 359-7777 ext. 712

Director's Name: Debbie McNeely

www.cottonwoodcreek.org/kidcare/

Brief Philosophy: Kid Care is a weekday ministry of Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church, providing care, biblical education, and growth opportunities for children age 6 months to pre-Kindergarten. We offer hands on developmentally appropriate learning through centers and classroom interaction.

Brief History: A ministry of Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church for 15 years.

Curriculum: The MDO and Preschool use Wee Learn curriculum. This promotes a hands-on learning experiences and emphasizes total development. Learning centers include art, blocks, books, listening, home living, music, nature, puzzles and other activities that are appropriate for each age group. Bible stories, verses, and truths are taught. We also use the Frog Street Press curriculum, which emphasizes numbers, letters, phonetic sounds, language development and writing.

School Calendar Followed: AISD

Summer Program: No

Religious Affiliation: Baptist

Registration Date: February

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
6 mo. – 11 mo.	TTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:6
1 yr.	MW or TTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:10
2 yr.	MW or TTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:12
3 yrs.	MW, TTh, or MTTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:14
4 yrs.	MTTh or M-Th	9:00 – 2:00	2:16
5 yrs.	MTWTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:18

Registration Fee: 2 day: \$100, 3 day: \$150, 4 day: \$200

Tuition: 2 day: \$145, 3 day: \$205, 4 day: \$245

Materials/Activity Fee: No

Total Enrollment: 420

Mother's Day Out: Yes

Daycare: No

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: No

KinderCare Learning Center – Fountain Park

103 N. Fountain Park Drive, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 727-1272

Director's Name: Bessie Parrish

www.kindercare.com

Brief Philosophy: The first five years of childhood are the most important in development and learning. Our educational curriculum is designed to help children reach their fullest potential. Each child is encouraged to explore and discover at his or her own pace.

Brief History: KinderCare Learning Centers is the largest daycare provider in the country. The first center opened in 1969 in Montgomery, Alabama and has expanded to over 1300 centers nationwide. This center has been open since 1985.

Curriculum: KinderCare's curriculum is based on NAEYC criterion and Whole Child development. Curriculum is taught in all classrooms – Infant through Kindergarten. Special programs for each age and stage of development are designed to grow along with your child. Children are introduced gradually to the key concepts that build literacy using letter books, stories, and daily activities. We also offer a full-day kindergarten.

Religious Affiliation: No

School Calendar Followed: Closed National Holidays

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: Year Round Enrollment

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>
6 weeks – 12 years	M – F	6:30 – 6:30

Registration Fee: Contact Center

Tuition: Contact Center

Materials/Activity Fee: Contact Center

Total Enrollment: 85

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: Yes

After School Care: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: No

KinderCare Learning Center – Twin Creeks

210 N. Alma Drive, Allen, TX 75013 - (972) 727-7744

Director's name: Alice Zachardy

www.kindercare.com

Brief Philosophy: The first five years of childhood are the most important in development and learning. Our educational curriculum is designed to help children reach their fullest potential. Each child is encouraged to explore and discover at his or her own pace.

Brief History: KinderCare Learning Centers is the largest daycare provider in the country. The first center opened in 1969 in Montgomery, Alabama and has expanded to over 1300 centers nationwide. This center has been open since 1985.

Curriculum: KinderCare's curriculum is based on NAEYC criterion and Whole Child development. Curriculum is taught in all classrooms – Infant through Kindergarten. Special programs for each age and stage of development are designed to grow along with your child. Children are introduced gradually to the key concepts that build literacy using letter books, stories, and daily activities. We also offer a full-day kindergarten.

Religious Affiliation: No

School Calendar Followed: Closed National Holidays

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: Year Round Enrollment

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>
6 weeks – 12 years	M – F	6:30 – 6:30

Registration Fee: Contact Center

Tuition: Contact Center

Materials/Activity Fee: Contact Center

Total Enrollment: 102

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: Yes

After School Care: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: No

Learn 'N Playday Preschool – Allen ISD

1000 Water Oak Drive (at Chandler Elementary), Allen, TX 75002
(972) 467-1412

Director's Name: Trish Favors
www.allenisd.org/web/About/lnp.html

Brief Philosophy: Children learn best by doing. Learning requires active thinking and experimenting to learn first hand about the world we live in. All activities are hands-on. All readiness skills are learned through play and active participation.

Brief History: Learn 'N Playday began in 1986 as part of Community Education and is now part of Allen ISD.

Curriculum: Based on the Pre-Kindergarten guidelines established by the TEA (Texas Education Agency). Covers all aspects of a child's development from social and emotional skills to emergent literacy. The most important goals of the curriculum is for children to become enthusiastic learners, and develop self-confidence and a true love for school.

Religious Affiliation: No

School Calendar Followed: AISD

Summer Program: No

Registration Date for Following Year: Feb. (lottery) – see website

Enrollment Preference: Yes, must enroll immediately after sibling leaves program

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
3 yrs.	MWF or TTh	9:00 – 2:00	1:8
4 yrs.	TTh or WF	9:00 – 2:00	1:10
4 yrs.	MWF or MTTh	9:00 – 2:00	1:10

Registration Fee: varies

Tuition: varies per age and class

Materials/Activity Fee: varies

Total Enrollment: 112

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: No

Licensed: Exempt, Allen ISD

Accredited: N/A

The Peanut Gallery

1224 E. Exchange Parkway, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 359-0331

Director's Name: Alison Hurtado

www.peanutgallerychildcare.com

Brief Philosophy: The Peanut Gallery has created an environment that enhances developmental learning for children. Young children learn through the hands-on approach of teaching that is appropriate for their age. The preschool program is made up of children three to five years of age. This multi-age grouping promotes children to work within their own developmental level. The reasoning behind multi-ages is that each child develops at different rates. This concept allows children to move ahead in areas they have mastered and work more slowly on areas of development they still need to master.

Curriculum: Classrooms are open concept and promote choices. Each room is center based and includes a reading center, dramatic play area, manipulative center, art center, block center and computer learning lab. Multiple curriculums are following including Zoo Phonics.

Religious Affiliation: No

School Calendar Followed: Closed National Holidays

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: Ongoing

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
3-5 yrs.	M-F	6:30-6:30*	varies by age

*Full-time and Part-time preschool schedules are available.

Registration Fee: \$60

Tuition: varies by age

Materials/Activity Fee: varies by age

Total Enrollment: 210

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: Yes, beginning at 6 weeks of age

After-School Care: Up to 12 years old

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: Please contact school for accreditation information.

Primrose School of West Allen

106 Tatum Drive, Allen, TX 75013 - (972) 359-8805

Director's Name: Bethany Liles

www.primroseschools.com

Brief Philosophy: To provide each child a secure, nurturing, educational child care experience that fosters self-discovery, love of learning, and positive self-esteem through our balanced learning approach.

Brief History: Our school has been open for more than 10 years. Primrose is a franchise, based out of Georgia, and each school is independently owned and operated. Primrose researches all curriculums and provides support to the school and staff.

Curriculum: Our proprietary curriculum includes strong literacy and math programs as well as enrichment in music, art, science, life skills, morals and values, community service and many others. We combine our programs with weekly music classes, fitness classes, technology classes, cooking classes with a local chef, and many other activities.

Religious Affiliation: No

School Calendar Followed: Closed National Holidays

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: March + Open Enrollment

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>
6 weeks – 4 ½ yrs. Pre-K	M – F *	6:30 – 6:30
Private Kindergarten	M – F	

* 2, 3, & 5 day programs available

Registration Fee: \$100

Tuition: varies w/program

Materials/Activity Fee: Yes, varies

Total Enrollment: 180

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: SACS/CASI & Primrose Standard of Excellence

Primrose School of East Allen

1604 East Exchange, Allen, TX 75002 - (214) 547-7267

www.primroseschools.com

Brief Philosophy: To provide each child a secure, nurturing, educational child care experience that fosters self-discovery, love of learning, and positive self-esteem through our balanced learning approach.

Brief History: Opened since August 2007. Primrose is a franchise, based out of Georgia, and each school is independently owned and operated. Primrose researches all curriculums and provides support to the school and staff.

Curriculum: Our proprietary curriculum includes strong literacy and math programs as well as enrichment in music, art, science, life skills, morals and values, community service and many others. We combine our programs with weekly music classes, fitness classes, technology classes, cooking classes with a local chef, and many other activities.

Religious Affiliation: No

School Calendar Followed: Closed National Holidays

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: Open Enrollment

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>
6 weeks – 5 yrs.	M – F	6:30 – 6:30

Registration Fee: \$100

Tuition: varies w/ program

Materials/Activity Fee: Yes

Total Enrollment: 186

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: Primrose Standard of Excellence

Rainbow Days

St. Jude Catholic Church
1515 N. Greenville Avenue, Allen, TX 75002
(972) 727-1177 ext. 2223

Director's Name: Julie Buchanan

www.stjudeparish.com/ministries/children/rainbow-days/program.asp

Brief Philosophy: Rainbow Days philosophy is based on the belief that every child is a wonderful gift from God, made in his image and likeness, and filled with dignity, goodness, and an incredible potential for discovery, learning and growth. Age appropriate activities are provided for the children that will develop and enhance their natural curiosity and imagination. The family is an integral part of the program and their participation is an essential element to the success of the program.

Brief History: The Rainbow Days program was started in August 1985.

Curriculum: Rainbow Days follows a theme-based curriculum with age appropriate activities for each age group. These activities include centers and activities to build important foundations for future skills. Music is an important part of each day and the goal is to give each child many experiences to allow their own creativity to be enhanced.

School Calendar Followed: AISD **Summer Program:** No

Religious Affiliation: Catholic, but all faiths are invited.

Registration Date for Following Year: February – March

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
2 yrs.	M or T or W or TH	9:00 – 2:00	2:10
3 yrs.	MW or TTH	9:00 – 2:00	1:10
4 yrs.	MW or TTH	9:00 – 2:00	1:12
4 yrs.	MTW,MTTh, MWTh, or TWTh	9:00 – 2:00	1:14
5 yrs.	MTWTh	9:00 – 2:00	1:8

Registration Fee: \$130 - \$250*

Materials/Activity Fee: \$65 - \$105*

Mother's Day Out: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Tuition: \$95 – 285*

Total Enrollment: 200

Daycare: No

Accredited: No

*Please visit the website for a comprehensive list of tuition and fees.

Reading Ranch Preschool

600 S. Jupiter Road, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 396-7323

Director's Name: Kim Southwell

www.readingranch.com

Brief Philosophy: The Reading Ranch offered preschool for 18 months through Transitional Kindergarten using a research based, multi-sensory and Reggio inspired program with a strong Language and Early Literacy curriculum component.

Brief History: The Reading Ranch came to be after years of providing literacy support out of Kim Southwell's home for numerous aged children. The popularity soared and expansion for the program was essential. Throughout her experience, she has found that the one commonality many struggling readers lack is a strong foundation in literacy. She then knew it was time to begin a preschool and a transitional kindergarten that offered a quality, multi-sensory based program, but also an early childhood program that offered prereading and prewriting skills for preschoolers.

Curriculum: Reggio inspired with strong Language & Early Literacy Program as well as daily reading lab. This process has two layers: Learning through whole group instruction and individualized. Peer interaction, group activities and a project-centered approach. The framework uses project ideas and activities into their regular curriculum, projects and themes using the concept of multiple intelligences as the framework for organizing projects.

School Calendar Followed: AISD **Summer Program:** Yes

Religious Affiliation: Non-denominational

Registration Date for Following Year: February

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
18 mos.	MWF, TTh or M-F	8:30 – 3:00	1:2
2 yrs	MWF, TTh or M-F	8:30 – 3:00	1:4
3 yrs.	MWF, TTh or M-F	8:30 – 3:00	1:6
4 yrs.	MWF, TTh or M-F	8:30 – 3:00	1:7
5 - 6 yrs.	MWF, TTh or M-F	8:30 – 3:00	1:7
*Early Drop	M-F 7:00	*Stay & Play	M-F 3:00 – 6:00

Registration Fee: \$15

Materials/Activity Fee: \$300

Mother's Day Out: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Tuition: \$560-\$835 monthly

Daycare: No

Accredited: No

Rivercrest Private School

630 Rivercrest, Allen, TX 75002
(972) 727-2071

Director's Name: Jean Rodgers
www.rivercrestschool.com

Brief Philosophy: The philosophy of Rivercrest Private School is based on meeting the developmental needs of all children. Programs are designed to encourage each child's emotional, cognitive and physical growth and needs.

Brief History: Rivercrest Private School has been providing outstanding childcare services to the Allen community for over 20 years.

Curriculum: The 2 year-old through Pre-K classes are actively involved in learning. Thematic units as well as letter activities are done with the children and lessons are pulled from a variety of sources to give the best curriculum possible. Activities are all age appropriate and can be challenging to the children as well. Letters are introduced weekly by using a puppet, a song and a story. Two cooking activities are done each month and the 3 and 4 year-old classes go to the library each month for story time.

School Calendar Followed: Closed National Holidays

Summer Program: Yes

Religious Affiliation: Non-denominational

Registration Date for Following Year: Open Enrollment

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
12-18 mos.	M – F	6:30 – 6:30	1:5
18-24 mos.	M – F	6:30 – 6:30	1:9
2 yrs.	M – F	6:30 – 6:30	1:11
3 yrs.	M – F	6:30 – 6:30	1:15
Pre-K	M – F	6:30 – 6:30	1:18

Morning only preschool is offered from 8:30 – 12:30.

Registration Fee: \$25

Materials/Activity Fee: varies by age

Mother's Day Out: No

Licensed: State of Texas

Tuition: Varies

Total Enrollment: 117

Daycare: Yes

After School Care: Yes

Robert Muller Center for Living Ethics

340 Country Club Road, Fairview, TX 75069
(214) 544-8338

Director's Name: Vicki Johnston, M.Ed
www.centerforlivingethics.org

Brief Philosophy: The mission of the Robert Muller Center for Living Ethics is to nurture the spirit of the child by infusing education with living ethics and the joy of learning. Our philosophy asserts that children thrive in an atmosphere of love, patience, understanding, and ordered activity. Ours is education of the heart as well as the mind. We believe children's emotional, social, and spiritual needs must be balanced with the development of strong academic skills. We strive to stimulate within each child caring, trust, responsibility, cooperation, independence, creativity, and eagerness to learn.

Brief History: Robert Muller wrote the World Core Curriculum at the urging of educators from around the globe, hoping to educate for peace, not conflict.

Curriculum: Robert Muller developed the World Core Curriculum utilized by the school as an umbrella philosophy. The school includes other education methodologies to approach the different learning styles of the students. We meet academic needs through a multi-age, nongraded structure that encourages group cooperation as well as individual progress, learning modes, and expression.

Religious Affiliation: No

Summer Program: No

School Calendar Followed: N/A

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days/Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>
3-5	3, 4, or 5 days/week	8:50-11:50 or 8:50-1:50

Registration Fee: \$300

Tuition: \$270 - \$440*

*Please see website for comprehensive chart of tuition rates

*Parent or family member volunteer hours required

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: No

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: National Coalition of Alternative Community Schools

Suncreek Children's Development Center

Suncreek United Methodist Church

1517 W. McDermott, Allen, TX 75013 - (972) 727-4300

Director's Name: Lisa Newman

www.suncreekumc.org/children/preschool.htm

Brief Philosophy: The program they offer is geared toward enabling children to enjoy a very positive "first school" experience in a loving, safe environment, prepare them for kindergarten, and more importantly, teach them about God's love from a Christian perspective.

Brief History: Suncreek United Methodist Church began their preschool in January 2000. It has since grown into a program of 25 staff members and serves 117 children. SCDC is a non-profit and all funds are used to operate the program. The program was established and will continue to operate as an outreach mission of Suncreek United Methodist Church.

Curriculum: Frog Street Press and theme based.

Religious Affiliation: Non-Denominational Christian

School Calendar Followed: AISD

Summer Program: Summer Camps Offered

Registration Date for Following Year: February

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>T/S Ratio</u>
18 mos.	MW or TTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:8
2 yrs.	MW or TTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:12
3 yrs.	MWTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:15
4-5yrs.	M-Th or MWTh	9:00 – 2:00	2:16

Registration Fee: \$125

Materials/Activity Fee: \$50 - 100

Mother's Day Out: No

Licensed: State of Texas

Tuition: \$210 - 290

Total Enrollment: 117

Daycare: No

Accredited: No

Timberbend Academy

208 Allen Heights, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 727-5112

Director's Name: Wanda Lawrence

www.timberbendacademy.com

Brief Philosophy: Timberbend Academy furthers the child's home training, endeavoring to teach manners, politeness, obedience, thoughtfulness and sharing with others. Character education is a vital part of the school system and one objective in education is to develop well-trained citizens of integrity and accept the share of responsibility to train boys and girls to be intelligent, patriotic citizens. Next to the home, the school is of the most importance in directing the attitudes and molding the character of little children.

Brief History: Director Wanda Lawrence has more than 30 years experience and there are children here whose parents were here when they were children. The majority of teachers have been with Timberbend Academy from 3 – 16 years!

Curriculum: Timberbend Academy offers a sound 'child growth and development' program, with emphasis on character and citizenship development. It makes provisions for individual differences in children, whereby each child can develop physically, mentally, and socially under the guidance of trained teachers who are competent and experienced.

School Calendar Followed: Closed Major Holidays

Summer Program: Yes

Religious Affiliation: No

Registration Date for Following Year: Year Round

Sessions Available:

Care for Infants – 12 yrs. from 6:00 – 6:30 Monday – Friday

Preschool Classes for 2, 3, & 4 yrs. 8:30 – 11:00

Registration Fee: \$25

Materials/Activity Fee: \$30 - \$40

Mother's Day Out: No

After School Care: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Tuition: According to age

Total Enrollment: 160

Daycare: Yes

Accredited: No

Twin Oaks Private School

1001 E. Main Street, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 359-0009

Director's Name: Karen Shipman

www.twinoaksprivateschool.com

Brief Philosophy: Our state of the art center provides a secure, loving environment where children develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

Brief History: Our unique child development center has been open since 1998 and currently provides quality care for children between the ages of 6 weeks and 12 years.

Curriculum: Developmentally appropriate activities drawn from several resources including the award-winning HighReach Learning curriculum plus concentration on basic learning skills for all ages, arts and crafts, music, Spanish, and computer classes. In addition to the curriculum, different activities and events are offered throughout the year, to create the ultimate experience for each child.

Religious Affiliation: No, but a weekly Bible class is available

School Calendar Followed: AISD for Major Holidays

Summer Program: Yes

Registration Date for Following Year: Year Round

Sessions Available:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Days Per Week</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Infants – Pre-K	M-F	6:30-6:30*

*Part time options may be available, please call school for details.

Registration Fee: Contact school **Tuition:** Varies by age

Materials/Activity Fee: Contact school **Total Enrollment:** 158

Mother's Day Out: No

Daycare: Yes

After School Care: Yes

Licensed: State of Texas

Accredited: No

Other Schools and Programs

Eagle's Wings Athletics

www.eagleswingsathletics.com

104 N. Greenville, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 727-9911

Eagle's Wings offers a Mother's Day Out program on Tuesday/Thursdays. Please call them for more details.

ASI Gymnastics

www.asigymnastics.com

104 N. Greenville, Allen, TX 75002 - (972) 727-9911

ASI Gymnastics in Allen offers a Kidz Day Out program on Tuesday/Thursdays. Please see the website for more details.

Please contact the following schools directly, or consult their website, if you are interested and would like more information on their programs.

Brookhaven Preschool

401 S. Jupiter 75002

972-359-9696

Director: Shauna Ryan

Holly Oaks Preschool

548 E. Bethany 75002

972-727-4212

Children's House Montessori

601 S. Fountain Gate 75002

972-359-0909

www.montessorischooling.com

Maryam Montessori Academy

716 E. Main 75002

972-727-8901

www.montessorischooling.com

Crème de la Crème

1207 W. McDermott 75013

214-495-0941

www.cremedelacreme.com

Joyful Beginnings Preschool

First Presbyterian Church

605 S. Greenville 75002

972-998-2557

www.fpcallen.org

Greenville Oaks Christian Preschool

703 S. Greenville 75002

972-342-2690

Little Heights

Allen Heights Baptist Church

1309 E. Main Street

972-727-9136

www.allenheightsbc.org

Metroplex Preschool

205 E. Bethany 75002

972-727-9095

www.metroplexgymnastics.com

Small Blessings

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

821 S. Greenville Ave. 75002 - 972-396-0038

www.christtheservant.com/preschool.htm

Southwest Academy

600 S. Jupiter Rd 75002 - 972-359-6646

www.southwestacademy.org

Heritage Montessori

1222 Alma Dr. 75013 – 972-908-2463

Knowledge Beginning

972-747-7074