Orion Township Public Library
2023 Lake Orion Area Preschool & Childcare Directory

OUR VISION:
Connecting the community through information, technology, and partnerships.

OUR MISSION:
To serve and engage a thriving community of lifelong learners.

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For further information contact the Orion Township Public Library Youth Services Department.
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PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
Acorn KinderHouse is committed to providing each child with an opportunity to learn through joyful, hands-on exploration, to grow to their fullest potential and gain confidence as an individual. We will provide a safe and loving space that allows each child the natural development of independence and curiosity as they discover the world around them. As a Waldorf Early Childhood Program utilizing a curriculum based upon the education philosophy of Rudolf Steiner. We create a classroom where children’s developmental needs are met by providing a nurturing, protective environment. Because we know that young children thrive on consistent rhythm and lots of repetition to master new skills, we establish a daily, weekly and yearly rhythm that offers predictability and gives the children a sense of security and safety. In addition, they can begin to understand the logical sequence in the daily events. In our Waldorf curriculum the children are involved in activities where the teacher is a model of meaningful movements and purposeful use of language. In this atmosphere of beauty and rhythm, the teacher works to cultivate the healthy development of the child’s will. We strive to be Eco-responsible and natural, while functioning within the licensing guidelines and procedures of the State of Michigan and Oakland County.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Play based and Nature based. 50% or more of our day is spent outside. Grounds include our enchanted woods, vegetable garden, snow hill, and natural playground. Toys and materials used in classroom are all natural. Class sizes are intentionally small to allow for the development of a relationship between the teacher and each child. Children participate in meaningful activities and not busy work. Children are not rushed through the day but move in a predictable rhythm of expansive activities and quiet reverent moments. Following the seasons of the year, we develop children’s observational skills and appreciation for nature. We hold several Seasonal Festivals that parents may participate in with their children. Parent and Child classes for infants to 3 years. Parent toy making and handwork classes – Parenting book studies and seminars – Parent Library
PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
We find the perfect balance of fun and learning. We love kids.

SPECIAL FEATURES
- Small groups – Max 4, 8, 10, 12 children per room
- Mature, experienced teachers
- Spanish every day
- Planned curriculum
- Amazing playground – Sledding hill – Low-rider bike track

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TYPE OF PROGRAM
- Childcare center and summer camp
  ages 1 to 8

HOURS OF OPERATION
- 7 am to 6 pm

MONTHS OF OPERATION
- Year round

ADULT/CHILD RATIO
- 1:4, 1:8, 1:10

AGES ACCEPTED
- 1 to 5 during the school year; up to 8 years old in the summer
PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
Divine Grace Lutheran Preschool exists to provide a high-quality, Christ-centered early childhood education which is based on the inerrant Word of God, for the families of the congregation and community. We provide a nurturing and caring environment where children are treated with love and respect. Sharing the message of Jesus' love and forgiveness is an important part of our program.

SPECIAL FEATURES
- Faith – based education
- Daily Jesus time
- Lead teacher with over 30 years of experience
- Flexible days
- Extended care
- Full size gym
- Outside playground
- Young Fives is in the same classroom as Kindergarten
Eagle Creek Academy
www.eaglecreekacademy.com

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TYPE OF PROGRAM
• Toddlers, Preschool, and K–5

HOURS OF OPERATION
• 7 am to 6 pm

MONTHS OF OPERATION
• Year round

ADULT/CHILD RATIO
• 1:8, 1:10, 1:12

AGES ACCEPTED
• 2 yrs to 5th grade

PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
We find the perfect balance of fun and learning. We love kids.

SPECIAL FEATURES
• Very small groups
• Proven academic curriculum
• All teachers have many years of experience
• Spanish every day
• Biggest playground and sandbox in town
• Elementary size gym and library
• Hot lunch
• Many family events
PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
Children begin their academic experience in this supportive, nurturing environment. Curiosity and wonder are cultivated as students make new friends and explore through hands-on learning at their own pace. Our best-practice curriculum prepares them for kindergarten as it builds social-emotional awareness skills including active listening, expressing feelings, and interacting with others.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The U.S. Department of Education recognized Everest as one of only 50 private schools in the country, and the only preschool–12th grade private school in Michigan, as a School of Excellence for its high-performance levels.
Welcome to The Goddard School® of Lake Orion, where every day is filled with fun learning experiences! Each day, caring and attentive teachers provide your child with countless opportunities to grow academically, socially, emotionally, and physically in a safe and loving environment. Each classroom at our School gives your little one the chance to grow in big ways. These safe and caring spaces have been designed to encourage discovery and spark imagination in everyday learning opportunities.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Every day is a great day to explore new subjects, develop lasting skills and have fun while learning with our enrichment activities! This diverse range of supplemental programs provides your child with more ways to learn and grow. We offer ASL, Yoga and Mindfulness, Spanish, Music Appreciation, STEM activities, Art History, Chess, Handwriting, Sports and Fitness, and Nutrition.
PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
Good Shepherd Preschool is a safe, happy and fun-filled environment that fosters creativity and development for 3-year-old, 4-year-old and 5-year-old students.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Located at 1950 S Baldwin Road, our school is at a prime location for many families in Oakland County. We pride ourselves on taking care of our facilities to give the best environment for each of our students. We recently updated our school library so every preschooler can bring a book home with them once a week. We attend chapel together once a week, and we offer 2 teachers in each classroom at all times. Our class size limit is 15 students per class. Come visit us soon, we fill quickly!
PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
When you’re at Heartfelt you’re at home. We take the time to know each and every child along with their family. We invest in our student’s academic, physical, and social–emotional success. At Heartfelt we use the High Scope curriculum in all of our classrooms. High Scope is grounded in current development theory, research and best practices for young children. The curriculum is evidenced based and uses the children’s own interest as an integral aspect of the day-to-day learning. We believe you are your child’s first teacher. As such, we will partner/collaborate with you to offer your child what he/she needs to grow, develop and flourish. Active learning is the cornerstone of the High Scope curriculum. Children learn best and gain knowledge by being involved in natural play and interactions with others and their world. We achieve this in all classrooms by providing age-appropriate experiences, materials and interactions that interest the children.

SPECIAL FEATURES
- Infants – Toddlers – Preschool – PreK – School Age Before & After Care
- Summer Camp
- Great Start to Readiness Program (GSRP)
Lake Orion Community Schools Early Childhood Center
www.lakeorionschools.org/early-childhood-program-and-education

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TYPE OF PROGRAM
• Pre-Kindergarten

HOURS OF OPERATION
• 6:30 am – 6:00 pm

MONTHS OF OPERATION
• Year round

ADULT/CHILD RATIO
• Licensing Requirements

AGES ACCEPTED
• 18 months – 5 years

PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
The Mission of Lake Orion Community Schools Early Childhood Program is to provide an exemplary education for all learners recognizing that children are unique individuals who have various levels of development as well as a wide spectrum of potential and needs.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Tuition and grant program offerings
PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
With God, Notre Dame works to form Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Notre Dame Lower School emphasizes development of the whole child, building confidence and skills in a safe, loving and faith-based environment. As a co-educational day school for students in Pre-K (ages 3 and 4) through Grade 5, our teachers and staff are focused on meeting the academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of every student entrusted in our care. Notre Dame Lower School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP). We celebrate the individual learner by differentiating instruction to meet the diverse needs of our students. Through weekly mass, service-learning and our immersive Atrium project, we cultivate spiritual awareness and development and infuse Catholic faith formation across all grades.
A School for the Mind and Body

www.schoolfortheminandbody.com

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TYPE OF PROGRAM
• Early Childhood Education

HOURS OF OPERATION
• 7 am – 6 pm, Monday – Friday

MONTHS OF OPERATION
• Year round

ADULT/CHILD RATIO
• infant 1:4, 2’s 1:4, 3’s 1:8, 4’s 1:8, Y–5’s/Kinders 1:10

AGES ACCEPTED
• 6 1/2 weeks – 12 years old

PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
The SFMB Preschool Program is based on a foundation of academics, character development, and personal health and wellness. It is our philosophy that character education, nutrition and exercise are equally as important as reading, writing and arithmetic. Children attending SFMB will grow, mature and develop to their fullest capacity if given the opportunity to explore, create and problem solve with materials which are appropriate to their developmental age. They will also develop emotionally and socially through adult and child interaction in both individual and group settings.

SPECIAL FEATURES
• Character Education with an Emphasis on Nutrition & Exercise.
• ALL Lead staff hold Degrees in Elementary Education or Early Childhood Education.
St. Joseph Catholic Preschool

www.stjoelo.org

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TYPE OF PROGRAM
• Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten – 8th Grade

HOURS OF OPERATION
• 8:30am – 3:45pm, school days

MONTHS OF OPERATION
• Late August thru early June

ADULT/CHILD RATIO
• 2:14–16

AGES ACCEPTED
• 33 months as of Sept. 1st the year attending for 3PK; 4 years old by Sept. 1st for 4PK, 4–5 year old for Junior Kindergarten

PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
God calls us by name. Through an ever-deepening relationship with Christ, our mission is to become who He made us to be, by growing in character, loving our neighbor, and excelling in academics.

• We follow the example of Christ and carry our Christian values into our living and learning environment.
• We grow in faith through participation in paraliturgies, liturgies and sacramental programs.
• We reach out to others in need through service projects affecting needs in our school, the church, and our world.
• We build our curriculum on current educational methodology, providing the materials and resources to support it.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Like our patron, the St. Joseph family is entrusted with fostering the development of the mind, body and spirit of each of God's precious children in our care. Early childhood should be a time of fun, warmth, security, exploring and discovery. Preschool children are creative and receptive; our program will encourage these qualities in the children who attend. We will provide an atmosphere that encourages social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth and development of the whole child. We believe that this can be achieved by creating an environment where children accept responsibility for their choices, build a positive self-image, and learn through play. It is our mission to provide a learning environment which allows students the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to achieve personal success, while developing a faith community in which values are formed, experienced, and lived.
St. John Lutheran School - Preschool & Young 5's

![St. John Lutheran Church & School Logo](image)

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**TYPE OF PROGRAM**
- Preschool & Young 5’s

**HOURS OF OPERATION**
- 8:45 AM – 3:25 PM; before and after careroom available

**MONTHS OF OPERATION**
- September to June

**ADULT/CHILD RATIO**
- 2:15 (PS3); 2:18 (PS4, Y5)

**AGES ACCEPTED**
- children must be age 3 by September 1 for fall enrollment; children must be potty trained

**PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT**
At St. John Lutheran Church & School, we are One in Jesus...Reaching Many.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**
- Daily Jesus Time with Bible stories and songs
- Thematic learning approach with developmentally appropriate learning centers
- Experienced faculty and teacher aides with an excellent student to teacher ratio
- Hands-on music activities
- Library time for Preschool 4’s and Young 5’s sessions
- Gym time available for all sessions
PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
Sunny Day Preschool offers a unique, creative preschool program with a personalized touch. We offer a curriculum that keeps a balance between the four growth areas: social, emotional, intellectual and physical for optimum development. We provide an environment rich in literacy and creativity. We offer real-life, purposeful learning opportunities daily. Most importantly, our teachers are warm and loving and make each child feel special and unique and excited to come to school each day!

SPECIAL FEATURES
At Sunny Day Preschool children blossom and grow in a warm, loving and creative environment. We offer a culturally diverse program as well as activities to expand each child’s view of the world around them. We provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum as well as creative art experiences. We teach Spanish, sign language, how to say thank you in fifteen different languages as well as mindfulness and yoga to all our classes. We focus on good nutrition and healthy eating for strong bodies and minds. Our four-year-old classes bake each week and also write and draw in journals. Our staff have college degrees in education and attend annual trainings to further their knowledge. All of our staff are certified in CPR and First Aid. Our classes are small with an excellent teacher/child ratio. We follow NAEYC guidelines for providing a high-quality program.
Total Education Solutions (TES)

www.tesidea.com

PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT
"To empower individuals of all abilities by fostering opportunities for success through customized, innovative solutions."

SPECIAL FEATURES
The focus of our Kindergarten Readiness program includes: developing social-emotional skills, boosting oral language and literacy skills, fostering growth with multisensory activities, strengthening fine and gross motor skills, and building a foundation in academic areas such as math, reading and social sciences. We have adopted the Get Set for School curriculum by Learning Without Tears. This curriculum provides interactive and engaging learning opportunities which can be modified to meet the needs of each learner.

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TYPE OF PROGRAM
• Kindergarten Readiness program prepares children of all abilities to acquire the skills necessary for success in a Kindergarten classroom.

HOURS OF OPERATION
• M, W, F from 1 pm – 4 pm

MONTHS OF OPERATION
• September–June

ADULT/CHILD RATIO
• 3:10

AGES ACCEPTED
• 4 – 6
Quality child care can make a big difference in the future of our children, our county, our state and our country. A good place to begin your search for answers to your child care questions is a trusted local resource. The Oakland County Child Care Council provides resources and referral information for families.

We conduct skill-building workshops for parents, hold low-cost professional development classes for child care providers and work with businesses to find child care solutions for their employees. We are advocates on child care issues for the community. We are dedicated to promoting the well being of Oakland County’s children.

The Oakland County Child Care Council has been advocating and promoting quality child care since 1973. The Council is funded by public and private sources. It is a membership agency that is governed by a board of directors and managed by a professional staff.
Great Start Collaborative – Oakland County

ABOUT

Every Great Start Collaborative in Michigan, including here in Oakland County, work toward the same early childhood outcomes:

- Children are born healthy.
- Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth through third grade.
- Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at time of school entry.
- Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently at the end of third grade.

Offering programs for early childhood development, parenting classes, and resources for childcare, Great Start Collaborative is built on a foundation of existing & expanded partnerships with families and communities in mind.
State of Michigan Resources

Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes

Michigan Department of Education Child Development and Care

MI Kids Matter

Parents FAQ

Am I Eligible for Low or No Cost Child Care?

Great Start to Quality