



At Long Grove Country School, we believe in nurturing the whole child to help young minds sprout and grow. Our [SPROUTS](#) education philosophy is incorporated into every aspect of our day.

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**P – Play**

**R – (Academic) Readiness**

**O – Outdoor Classroom**

**U – Unique Farm Setting**

**T – Teamwork**

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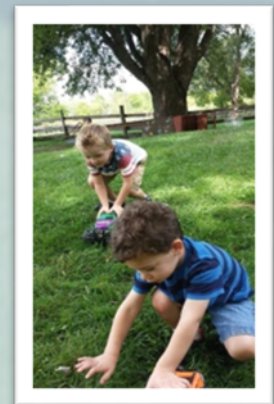
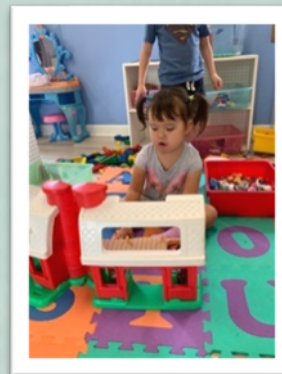
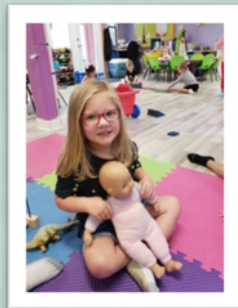
# SPROUTS

**S – Socialization:** At this age, children are learning how to make friends, interact with one another, take turns, share, and use their manners. Teachers help encourage and facilitate this process. This is especially important for children of the pandemic. For many children, their social experience has been limited.



**P – Play:** Socialization and Play are intertwined. Each one influences the other. There have been many publications lately supporting the value of play. Research suggests that children learn best from experiences that enjoyable, engaging, and interactive. Some additional benefits are listed below.

- Children learn best from experiences that are engaging, joyful, or interactive
- Builds language development.
- Stimulates the mind and creativity.
- Essential for brain development.
- Contributes to academic skills.
- Reduces risks associated with obesity.
- Helps to build relationships.

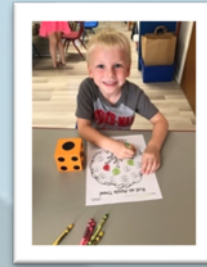


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**R – (Academic) Readiness:** All lessons are planned with the ultimate goal of ensuring that our students are ready for their next step in their academic career. Our lessons are theme-based with developmentally appropriate activities to help reinforce the daily literature. Your child will be exposed to art, language development, math, music, science, social studies, and more.



**O – (Large) Outdoor Classroom & Playground:** Our school is located on 5 acres. Children have ample room to explore nature and develop their gross (large) motor skills. Below are some benefits published by Sandford Health Research.

- Builds physically healthier children.
- Contributes to cognitive and social/emotional development.
- Develops executive functioning.
- Improves sensory skills.
- Increases attention span.
- Happiness and better immunity.
- Instills an appreciation of nature.

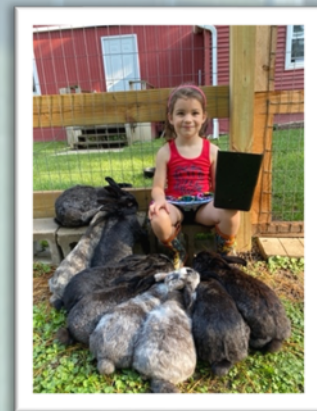
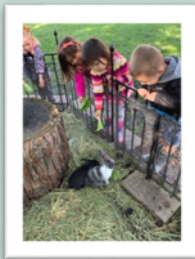


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**U – Unique Farm Setting:** LGCS has the unique privilege of being located on a historic 5-acre, farm setting with corn mazes, pumpkin patch, gardens, and animal encounters. All are available for children to explore and experience. We have also partnered with the University of Illinois Extension 4H program to enhance our educational offerings and resources for our “farm school”.



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**T – Teamwork:** The concept of teamwork encompasses everyone at school. We believe that our students will be the most successful if parents and teachers work together as a team. Our students learn to be team players with their friends at school. The teachers always collaborate to support each other and provide a wonderful environment for your children. LGCS opens our doors to welcome extended families and the community multiple times per year. These public events are a thank you for all the support we have received from our families and the community.



**S – Self-Sufficiency:** Research confirms that if you ask a Kindergarten Teacher what skills they would like to see in an incoming student, it is self-sufficient, independent students. Supporting these skills is the need to develop critical thinking and problem solving in children. Teachable moments are prime times to reinforce and teach these skills. Children are encouraged to try resolve problems and find solutions.



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## Programs

Welcome to Long Grove Country School (LGCS). Our school is located on a beautiful 5-acre farm setting in Long Grove. We plan to be outdoors as much as Mother Nature allows us to be so children can interact with their environment, and each other, in a safe setting.



LGCS is an education center that has been around for over 30 years. Programs running all for Preschool age children through Elementary After-Care. The brain develops exponentially between birth and 6 years of age which is why LGCS has developed a spiraling program that supports children this development. Classes are grouped in smaller age range to support social emotional and academic development. This allows children to mature with children their own developmental age. Programs are theme-based and incorporate developmentally appropriate activities in science, art, math, STEM, and music to reinforce the core literature.

Our website is frequently updated with more information. Please feel free to follow up with us with any questions.

### **Program Times:**

(Note: There are varied drop-off and pick-up times to aide in the flow of traffic).

<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>
8:00am:	AM Extended Care
8:45am:	Polish Preschool & Sr. Kindergarten Drop-Off
9:00am-11:30am:	Preschool, Pre-K, Jr. Kindergarten Half-Day
11:45am:	Polish Half-Day Pick-Up
11:30am-12:30pm:	Lunch & Fun
12:30pm:	Kindergarten Enrichment Drop-Off
2pm:	Preschool, Pre-K, and Jr. Kindergarten Full-Day & Enrichment Pick-Up
12:30pm/12:45pm-2:45pm:	Enrichment – Polish
2:45pm:	Polish Preschool & Sr. Kindergarten Pick-Up
4:00pm:	All Programs - PM Extended Care Pick-Up

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# Programs



## Preschool

(Monday-Friday: 8am-4pm, Age: 3 –(Turning 4 between November-April)

Children will love their first introduction to school in our theme-based Preschool. Students are exposed to new academic concepts in a nurturing environment. Our lessons are designed to incorporate more hands-on activities for learning. Smaller classrooms foster academic development and social bonds with new friends. Children range in age from 3-5.

### Sample Weekly Theme:

Theme: Little Explorers - Africa

Book: Giraffes Can't Dance

Letter Gg: Giraffe and Gorilla

Math & Sorting: Gorilla Number Puzzle

Art: Add Africa to Globe, Giraffe Craft

Science: Erupting Volcanoes – Mt. Kilimanjaro

Song: "5 Little Giraffes"



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# Pre-K & Jr. Kindergarten

(Monday-Friday: 8am-4pm, Ages: 4-5)

**Pre-K and Jr. Kindergarten are designed as a Kindergarten Prep classes for students ready for a more challenging curriculum. All lessons and activities are based on the literature of the day for both programs. Each week, students are introduced to a new concept that builds on a previous lesson to continually develop academic, social, and emotional skills such as letter recognition, early reading, science, and math while working on fine, gross motor and social skills.**

**Social Emotional Goals:** Include the development of self (independence, trust in adults, managing feelings appropriately, standing up for self). Being responsible for self & others (self-direction, responsibility for own well being, respects & cares for classroom & materials, follows routines & rules). Prosocial behavior (plays well with others, shares & respects the rights of others, uses thinking skills to resolve conflicts).

**Gross Motor & Fine Motor skills** will be encouraged each day through play and class activities. Walking, running, climbing, balance, catching, kicking balls, etc. for large motor skills. Utilizing different tools while writing, coloring, painting; gripping objects and manipulating small objects; using scissors to cut, etc for small motor skills.

**Language Development in Listening and Speaking** will be worked through the year. Children will be encouraged to use speaking skills in communicating their thoughts, and concerns during play and group time. We will encourage the asking and answering of questions during play with each other and actively participate in conversation. The Literacy Curriculum will stimulate their understanding of stories, plots, fiction vs. nonfiction, and different cultures will enhance their language development.

**Letters** will be taught in developmental order - straight lines, curves, diagonals. Phonics will be used in sounding out, locating where the letter sound is.

**Goals will be:** Writing first name with upper & lower case and then last name. Letter recognition upper & lower, letter sound, combining for some words. Every child progresses at their own pace. Concepts will continually be introduced.

Getting ready to write will include utensil grip, practicing lines, curves, etc while coloring, painting, fingers in salt/sand trays. Developing fine motor skills with small tongs, eye droppers, legos, sorting small objects, cutting with scissors, ripping paper, etc. We will practice writing letters of the week with chalk boards (wet, dry, try method) and letter sheets. Bringing in pictures or show & tell with letter sound.

**Cognitive Skills** will be developed throughout the school day in observing, exploring, and approaching everyday activities with persistence and applying new strategies and experiences to deepen a concept. The Math Curriculum will cover an array of topics including number recognition, counting using 1 to 1 correspondence, grouping of objects, patterning, measuring, and much more.

All lessons are introduced with the understanding that every child learns concepts differently and at different speeds. The objective is to provide a learning environment that continually introduces new concepts and stimulates development but not to the point of frustration. This methodology supports the development and encouragement of the creative & emotional sides of each child so they continue to blossom.



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### Polish Preschool:

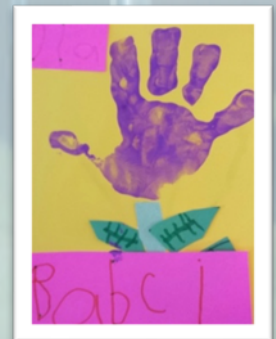
(Monday-Friday: 8am-2:45pm, Ages 3-5)



Welcome to our Polish Preschool Program. This program is separate from our traditional English program and is designed for students who have Polish as a first language or speak both English and Polish at home. Students will have the opportunity to experience classes in English and Polish or only in Polish.

Polish Preschool – Polskie Przedszkole is taught by Ms. Sylwia who is wonderful with the students. She has been working with Long Grove Country School for the past 6 years. She has also taught Chemistry in Poland and taught Polish School on the weekends.

- Full-Day or A-La-Carte Classes options available including adding Lunch & Fun for an extra 2 hours of Polish conversation.
- Flexible Schedule.



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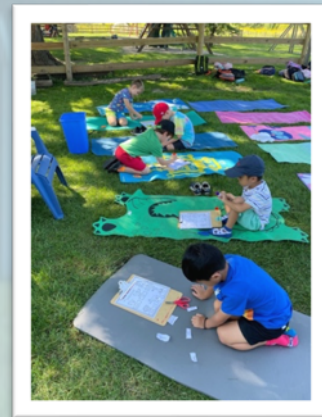


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### Sr. Kindergarten:

(Monday-Friday: Full-Day Kindergarten)

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Sr. Kindergarten is equivalent to Kindergarten in the public school. Families have multiple reasons for choosing private Kindergarten including smaller classes sizes and more individual attention for each student. This is also a good setting for families who need an extra year to decide if they want their child to attend Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade the following year.



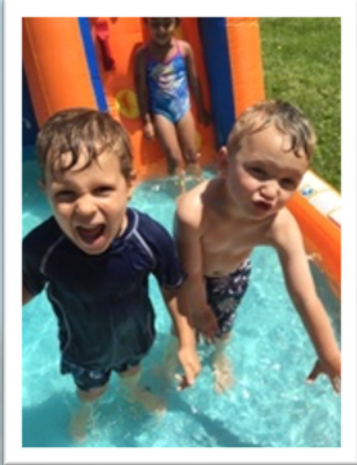
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### Summer Camp:

(Monday-Friday: 8am-2:00pm with option for extended care,  
3-5 Days Per Week)



Children who join us this summer will be exposed to theme-based camps with outdoor and indoor activities. Weekly themed curriculum includes art, animal encounters, literature, nature, music, outdoor adventures, physical activity, creative writing, and science. Children will have summer fun and continue developing their mind and body throughout the summer with hands-on activities.

Sample Themes: Best of LGCS (Alumni Week), Welcome to 4H, The Great Outdoors, Ocean Adventures, Animal Rescuers, Silly Scientists, Superheroes: Marvel vs. DC Comics, and more.



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## Programs

### Birthday Parties & Private Events:

(2 hours long)



LGCS hosts birthday parties and private events/playgroups. All birthday parties are themed. Each party will have a Party Planner to coordinate your event. LGCS can also accommodate private events.

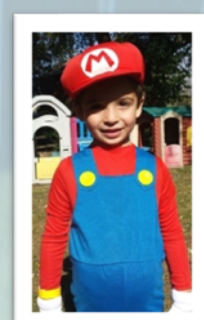
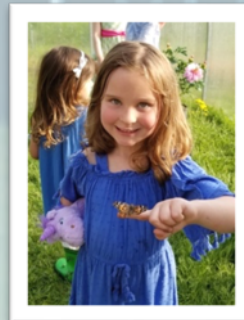
Sample Past Themes: Animals, Baseball, Cats/Kittens, Dogs/Puppies,

Farm, Legos, Party of Rock-n-Roll, Pets, Princesses, Pumpkin/Fall, Star Wars, Superheroes, Unicorns or create a custom theme.

### Scouting & Guides:

(1 hour programs)

LGCS has been working with local groups to provide customized programs for specific badges, awards or academic goals.



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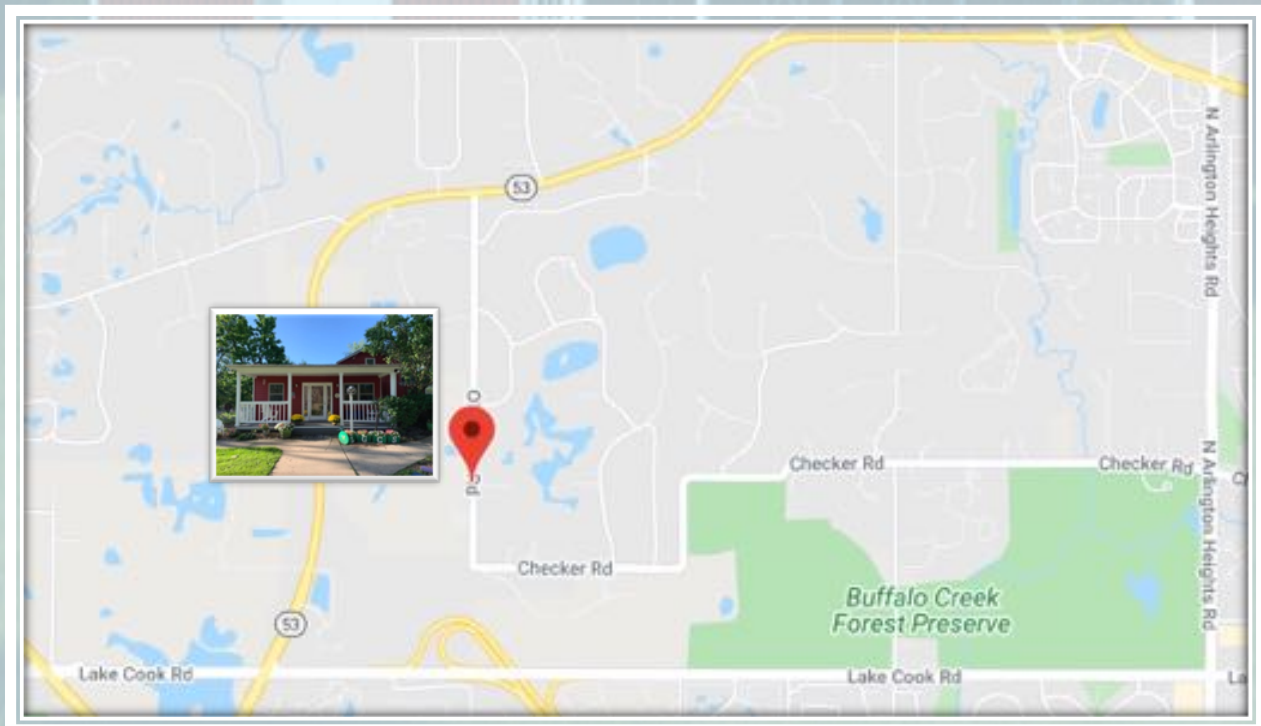
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**Thank you for working with Long Grove Country School. We value our partnership with all of families and looking forward to watching your children sprout and flourish.**

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or suggestions. We frequently have events that are open to the public. Please check our website for a current schedule and admission fee.

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