



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

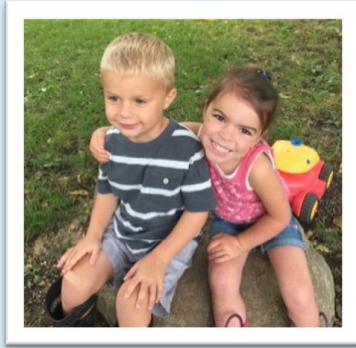
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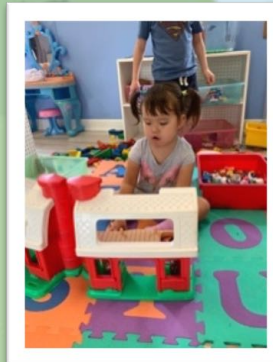
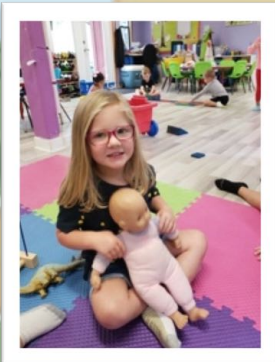
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**S – Socialization:** At this age, children are learning how to make friends, interact with one another, take turns, share, and use their manners. Teachers help encourage and facilitate this process.



**P – Play:** Socialization and Play are intertwined. Each one influences the other. There have been many publications lately supporting the value of play. Some benefits are listed below.

- 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.

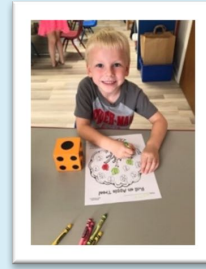


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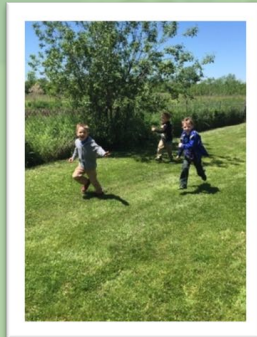
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**R – (Academic) Readiness:** All lessons are planned with the ultimate goal of ensuring that our students are ready for their next step in their academic career. Our lessons are theme-based with developmentally appropriate activities to help reinforce 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.

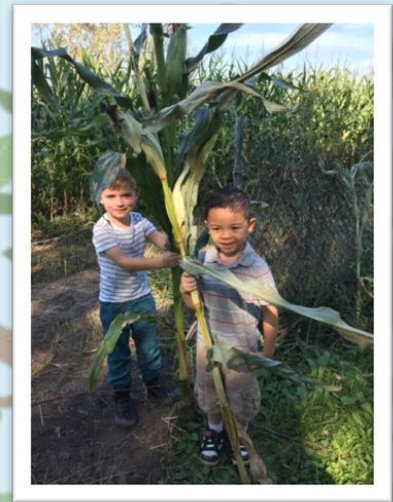


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**U – Unique Farm Setting:** LGCS has the unique privilege of being located on a historic 5 acre, farm setting with corn mazes, pumpkin patch, gardens, and animal encounters. All are available for children to explore and experience. We have also partnered 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). We are located on 5 beautiful acres in Long Grove. LGCS is an education center with programs running all day from 7am-6pm for Preschool age children through Elementary After-Care & Enrichment. LGCS allows flexibility for families to choose from a variety of days and times for programs. Some children stay for all programs and others stay for only a half-day.



Children are exposed to literature, science, art, math, STEM, music and more. Our website is frequently updated with more information. Tours may be scheduled online. Please feel free to follow up with us with any questions.

### **Program Times:**

(Note: Most programs have a 15-minute window of drop-off and pick-up where an LGCS team member will greet you at the car).

<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>
7am-8:45am:	AM Extended Care
8:45am/9am-11:30am/11:45am:	Preschool, Jr./Sr. Kindergarten, Polish Preschool
11:45am-12pm-12:30pm/12:45pm	Lunch & Fun
12:30pm/12:45pm-2pm/2:15pm:	Enrichment – English
12:30pm/12:34pm-2:45pm	Enrichment – Polish
2:15pm-4pm or 6pm	PM Extended Care, Elementary Clubhouse Programs and After-Care including 4H Programs

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## Programs



### Preschool

(Monday-Friday: 8:45am-9am-11:30am-11:45am, Ages: 3-5)

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 and may attend 2-5 days per week depending on the family's preference.

**Sample Weekly Theme:**

**Theme:** Little Explorers - Africa

**Book:** Giraffes Can't Dance

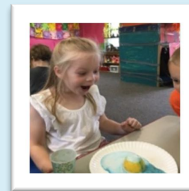
**Letter Gg:** Giraffe and Gorilla

**Math & Sorting:** Gorilla Number Puzzle

**Art:** Add Africa to Globe, Giraffe Craft

**Science:** Erupting Volcanoes – Mt. Kilimanjaro

**Song:** "5 Little Giraffes"



### Jr./Sr. Kindergarten

(Monday-Friday: 8:45am-9am-11:30am-11:45am, Ages: 4-6)

Jr. Kindergarten is designed as a Kindergarten Prep class for students ready for a more challenging curriculum. Sr. Kindergarten is equivalent to Kindergarten in the public school. Families have multiple reasons for choosing private Kindergarten including smaller class 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. 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. Students must be 4 years old by Sept 1 and may attend 3-5 days per week for Jr. Kindergarten. Sr. Kindergarten requirement is 5 days per week to qualify as Kindergarten.

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# Lunch & Fun and Enrichment

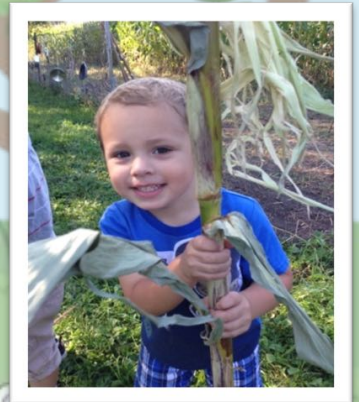
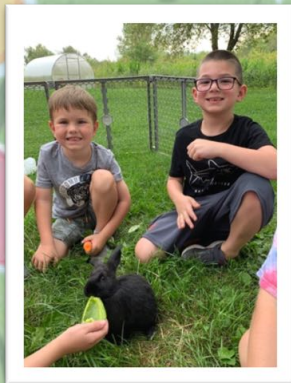
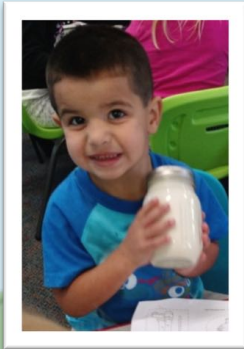
(Monday-Friday: 11:30pm/12:45pm-2pm-2:15pm, Ages: 3-6)



Enrichment (12:30pm-2:15pm) is the part of the afternoon where your child gets the opportunity to extend their academic skills beyond their classroom time. We primarily want to focus on “enriching” not only your child’s academic skills, but helping them with their social/emotional, cognitive, and mental growth to become a lifelong learner. We hope to achieve our goals by making enrichment a fulfilling experience for everyone! This class is open to children ages 3-5. Families have flexibility to choose which days of the week their child attends Enrichment (1-5 days per week) and to add Lunch & Fun (11:30am-12:30pm). Children attending other schools in the morning are welcome to join us for lunch and the afternoon. Note: Willow Grove buses students who qualify for busing to LGCS.

### Afternoon Adventures

- Can you guess how many seeds are in a pumpkin?
- Would you like to meet one of our furry friends?
- Would you like to make your own butter?
- Do you like to make music?
- Have you ever made a teepee out of corn?



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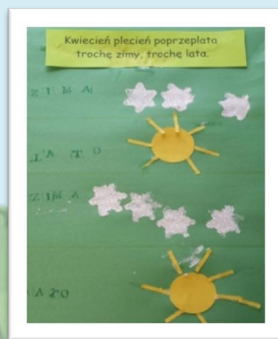
(Monday-Friday: 7am-6pm, Ages 3-5)



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 (7am-6pm) or A-La-Carte Classes options available including adding Lunch & Fun for an extra 2 hours of Polish conversation.
- Flexible Schedule.
- Lunch Service Available for children attending all day.



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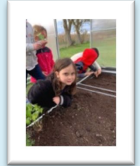


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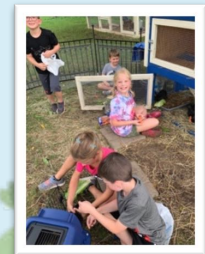
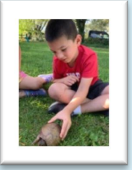
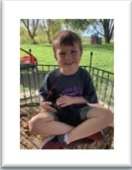
### Elementary Clubhouse:

(Monday-Friday: 3pm-6pm, Grades: Elementary School)

LGCS is excited to be partnering with the University of Illinois Extension Program to offer 4H Programs for children. This partnership allows us to provide a unique and stimulating environment for children after school every day. Students who join us for 4H Programs will qualify to present and compete at the Lake County Fair in July. Tutoring is also available for an additional fee and by appointment.



- **School Dismissal:** After-care Students will arrive from school and have a snack.
- **4pm-5pm:** LGCS Enrichment Clubs\*\*/Recess/Homework. **\*\*Elementary Enrichment Club Only** students will be signed up for specific clubs each day. **Drop-Off** is at 4pm. **Pick-Up** is at 5pm.
- **5pm-6pm:** Homework and socialize with friends. Weather permitting, we will encourage all students to get some fresh air and explore outside.
- **6pm:** All programs are done for the day and students go home.



### Summer Camp:

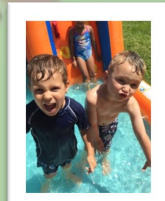
(Monday-Friday: 7am-6pm,

Flexible Options for Half-Day, Full-Day or Extended Day)

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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### Birthday Parties:

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LGCS hosts birthday parties. All parties are themed. Each party will have a Party Planner to coordinate your event.

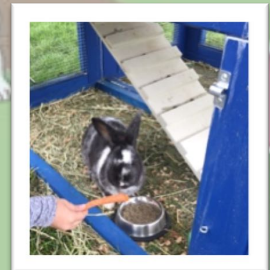
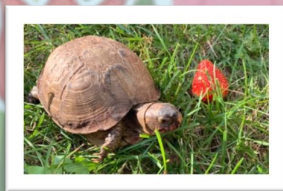
Sample Past Themes: Animals, Baseball, Cats/Kittens, Dogs/Puppies, Farm, Legos, Party of Rock-n-Roll, Pets, Princesses, Pumpkin/Fall, Star Wars, Superheroes, Unicorns or create a custom theme.



### Scouting, Guides and Homeschooling:

(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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**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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