

Welcome to CommuniKids

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Our mission at CommuniKids is to prepare young children to become the **global citizens** of tomorrow by creating a joyful, playful, and nurturing environment that immerses students in a second language. Our program strives to instill the disposition, knowledge, and skills required to succeed in a highly interconnected world.

Since 2005, CommuniKids has been a pioneer in providing language-immersion education to young children. With the establishment of our preschool program in 2009, CommuniKids deepened its commitment to providing play-based, full language-immersion education to our youngest children.

Our own approach, called **Early Childhood Second Language (ECSL[®])**, addresses these needs by preparing children for their K-12 education, while developing multi-cultural competence and second language fluency.

The characteristics of the CommuniKids **ECSL** (pronounced "excel") program are:

- Full-immersion instruction in the target language
- A play-based approach
- A warm, nurturing, and cohesive school environment
- A theme-based, integrated curriculum emphasizing global values

We will be applying for accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (**NAEYC**) in our RVA center as soon as we are eligible. NAEYC accreditation is the gold standard for early childhood programs across the country. Families of young children who attend NAEYC-accredited programs can be confident that they deliver the highest quality early care and education.

We look forward to getting to know your family as you begin your preschool journey!

Program Information

General Information

- Our program is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)
- Students must be at least 18 months old to attend CommuniKids Preschool RVA
- Toilet training is not a requirement for students
- Previous exposure to the target language is not a requirement for students
- The Full Day program runs from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The Half Day program runs from 9:00 am-12:30 pm
- We offer Early Morning Extended Care from 7:00-8:50 am, Morning Extended Care from 8:00-8:50 am, and Afternoon Extended Care from 3:00-6:00 pm each school day
- Our teachers are native speakers with years of experience working with young children
- Class size is no larger than 14 students with two teachers in each classroom
- Students bring their lunches from home. CommuniKids provides a healthy snack each day
- Our Student Support Team is on-site for both school and parent support

Additional Programs

- We offer language enrichment classes in Chinese, French, and Spanish on weekdays and Saturdays
- We offer a summer camp program with priority registration for preschool families

Calendar Information

- Our preschool year runs from early September to mid-June
- We offer a summer camp program with priority registration for preschool families. Summer camp tuition is separate from preschool tuition but comparable in weekly cost
- CommuniKids closes for federal holidays, spring and winter breaks, and occasional professional development days throughout the school year. Please request a copy of our Academic Calendar for more information

Curriculum and Sample Daily Schedule

At CommuniKids Preschool, the school day is conducted entirely in the target language. Our play-based curriculum offers learning opportunities that are intentional, engaging, and developmentally appropriate for young learners. Each day includes time for all kinds of play – child-initiated and teacher-guided – in small and large group settings.

For more detailed information about our curriculum, please refer to the handout called “Our ECSE Curriculum.”

Sample Daily Schedule (varies by age group)

HOURS	ACTIVITIES
7:00 AM OR 8:00 AM-8:50 AM	Early / Morning Extended Care
8:50 AM-10:00 AM	Open Centers Circle Time Projects
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	Bathroom Break Snack
10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Outdoor Play and Exploration
11:40 AM-12:00 PM	Guided Centers Reading Time
12:00 PM-12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Dismissal for Half-Day Students
12:40 PM-2:00 PM	Transition for Full-Day Students Nap / Quiet Time Bathroom Break
2:00 PM-2:45 PM	Open Centers Guided Centers Projects
2:45 PM-3:00 PM	Closing Circle
3:00 PM	Dismissal for Full-Day Students
3:00 PM-6:00 PM	Afternoon Extended Care

Tuition and Fees / 2016-17 School Year

Application Fee

APPLICATION FEE	\$50.00
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Preschool Tuition

PROGRAM	HOURS	ANNUAL TUITION	ENROLLMENT FEE (DUE UPON ACCEPTANCE)	DEPOSIT (DUE JUNE 1)	9 MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS (SEPT-MAY)
FIVE FULL DAYS	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	\$8,000.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
FIVE HALF DAYS	9:00 AM-12:30 PM	\$4,500.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
THREE FULL DAYS (M, W, F)	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	\$4,800.00	\$500.00	\$430.00	\$430.00
THREE HALF DAYS (M, W, F)	9:00 AM-12:30 PM	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00

Extended Care and Supplemental Services

PROGRAM	HOURS	ANNUAL CHARGE	10 MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS (SEPT-JUNE)
EARLY MORNING EXTENDED CARE	7:00 AM-8:50 AM	\$1,200.00 or INCLUDED for full-day students	\$120.00 or INCLUDED for full-day students
MORNING EXTENDED CARE	8:00 AM-8:50 AM	\$650.00 or INCLUDED for full-day students	\$65.00 or INCLUDED for full-day students
AFTERNOON EXTENDED CARE	3:00 PM-6:00 PM	\$2,000.00 or INCLUDED for full-day students	\$200.00 or INCLUDED for full-day students
LANGUAGE CLASSES	Various	TBA	TBA

Drop-ins and part-time extended care arranged at the Center Director's discretion

Please ask about our sibling and military discounts

Admissions Process Guide

At CommuniKids, we know that a healthy school-home connection is the key to a fulfilling preschool experience. Our Admissions Process is designed to give parents and families ample opportunity to learn about our program, and to give us the chance to learn more about you and your family.

Step 1: Visit

Visit our school during an Open House or tour. Dates are available on our website, or email us at admissions@communickids.com for more information or to schedule a tour.

Step 2: Apply

Complete an application for admission and return it to us no later than **Wednesday, May 4, 2016**. Applications can be filled out online at communickids.com, or you may request a paper application. The application fee is \$50.00.

Step 3: Parent Conversation Form

Once we receive your application, we will send you a Parent Conversation Form to complete. Because each child and family is different, we appreciate the chance to learn more about yours.

** In-person, one-on-one parent conversations may be scheduled to provide an opportunity for further discussion*

Step 4: Family Visit

Once we receive your Parent Conversation Form, we will invite your child and one parent to visit our school in the morning so that we can get to know each other, and you can experience our ECSL approach first-hand. We'll play, sing, dance, and have fun!

Step 5: Decision

Admissions decisions will be mailed the week of June 6-10, 2016.

**We sometimes have spaces available during the school year.
If you have missed the regular admissions schedule outlined here, please contact us at
admissions@communickids.com or 202-363-4431**