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Minnieland at The Castle Accredited

Fredericksburg, VA: Minnieland at The Castle has recently been accredited by the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA). This nationally recognized accreditation follows a rigorous process of self-study, surveys of parents and staff, verification by early childhood education professionals, and a final review by the NECPA Board of Commissioners.

During the accreditation process, all areas of the schools program are evaluated. The heart of NECPA accreditation focuses on the quality care the children experience. The process carefully considers all aspects of a program including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. The accreditation is valid for three years, after which the program must complete the process again in order to maintain its accredited status.

Founded in 1972 by Chuck and Jackie Leopold, Minnieland Private Day School, Inc. is a leader in early childhood education. After three and a half decades, Minnieland Private Day School, Inc. operates 40 childcare centers in Prince William, Fairfax, Stafford, Loudoun, Hanover, Chesterfield, and Henrico Counties in Virginia. Minnieland continues to provide excellent educational programs where each child's individuality is recognized and supported by loving and caring teachers. With more than 100 locations including childcare centers, private elementary and middle schools, and school age care sites, Minnieland serves the needs of working families in Virginia. Minnieland at The Castle is located in Fredericksburg, VA off of Rt. 3. The center has an operating capacity of 137 students. For more information, log on to www.minnieland.com.