Early Childhood Education Franchise Opens First Virginia Location in Chantilly

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The front of the newly-opened Children's Lighthouse early education center in Chantilly.

Children's Lighthouse on Monday opened its first early learning school in Virginia, offering students and families in the area a different opportunity for schooling.

Owner of the newly-opened Children's Lighthouse franchise is Jagadeesh Putchala, a longtime Chantilly resident and software developer.

"As we expand the reach of our early childhood development program, it is always humbling to welcome dedicated entrepreneurs like Jagadeesh, whose commitment enriches local communities with quality education and care," President of Children's Lighthouse Michael Brown said in a news release. "We are ecstatic to open our first location in Virginia and we look forward to meeting the needs of families and equipping children with the proper skills and knowledge they need to develop and succeed."

The new school -- which serves children anywhere from six weeks old to 12 years old -- has eight students enrolled, though only two of them were in the building when classes began Monday. The remaining six students will be attending the school in the coming weeks.

The back view of the Chantilly school, with playgrounds and grass for students to play on.

Children's Lighthouse has 60 franchised schools in operation across the country, with the mission of bringing a solution to hefty waitlists and a quality curriculum focused on the development of young minds and instilling lifelong learning skills, according to the release.

The school, located at 43385 Defender Drive in Chantilly, places emphasis on early development through C.A.R.E.S curriculum:

- **C**haracter-building values for social emotional development
- **A**ctive engagement through exploration
- **R**esearch-based on current early education best practices
- **E**mbedded content in activities and lessons
- **S**kills based on national and state benchmarks

Part of the curriculum includes the "Lighthouse Pathways" approach to create a safe environment that allows students to be independent and expressive learners.

A drone shot of the whole space that the new Children's Lighthouse school sits on.