



# Curriculum Summary

## Holy Trinity Lutheran School

### Kindergarten

#### Religion

Voyages curriculum (Concordia) is used to study the most important events of the Bible that point to Jesus as our Savior. In the fall, lessons are taken from the Old Testament. Some of topics are creation, Noah and the ark, Moses, Samuel, David, and the tabernacle. In December the focus switches to the New Testament and the birth of Christ. In the spring semester, various lessons on Jesus' earthly ministry will be used. During the Lenten season Jesus' journey to the cross, death and resurrection will be studied. In all units, the saving grace of our Lord and Savior will be stressed.

#### Reading

Reading instruction is guided by the use of the Scott Foresman Curriculum. Each week begins with a read aloud children's book to teach new vocabulary and comprehension skills. Students use the readers and workbooks that go along with the units to build skills sequentially. Reading instruction includes phonemic awareness, phonics, sight words, word families and grammatical structure. Large group instruction, reading aloud, partner work, small groups, videos, independent activities and extra projects are all used during the week. After Christmas, the Accelerated Reader program begins. Accelerated Reader helps students increase reading fluency and comprehension as they become more independent readers.

#### Writing

Proper formation of all upper and lowercase letters on lined paper is stressed and practiced regularly. Journal writing is modeled in the beginning of the year starting with picture drawing and labeling. Inventive spelling and copying words posted in the room are the tools students use to write independently. The writing process is also introduced and some class books are "published". The end goal is for all students to be

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able to write at least three sentences that are on topic and understandable to the reader. Students will also learn to write for a variety of purposes and use capital letters and ending punctuation.

## **Mathematics**

The A beka curriculum is our guide for Kindergarten mathematics. Skills are taught with hands on activities and practice is reinforced through the use of workbook pages. Topics covered include positional words, counting to 100, writing numbers to 100, 1 to 1 correspondence, number comparison, ordinal numbers, recognition and value of all coins, counting small amounts of money, skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's, addition and subtraction, two and three dimensional shapes, telling time to the quarter hour, using a calendar, graphing data and measurement with non-standard and standard units.

## **Science**

Science is taught alternatively with social studies. Kindergarteners are eager to explore various topics to learn about the world God created. The scientific method is stressed along with hands on experiments and activities. A highlight of the year is Scientist of the Week, where each child gets a chance to do an experiment for the class. Some of our units include; the five senses, physical properties, the life of various plants, the life cycle of various insects, magnetism, weather and animal homes and habits.

## **Social Studies**

Alternating with science, students will study communities, families, globes and maps, major historical events connected to holidays, national symbols and basic economics. At Thanksgiving students re-enact the first thanksgiving in costume. Time is also spent celebrating all holidays and participating in seasonal activities. At the end of the year a special circus unit is planned to bring to together concepts of planning, organization, economics and presentation.

## **Enrichment**

Enrichment classes are offered in the areas of music, art, foreign language (currently Chinese), library, physical education, and technology. Students attend computer lab twice a week.