

Faith Lutheran School

Jr. Kindergarten Highlights (5 Day)

Mission Statement

Raising up families and followers of Jesus Christ

Introduction

In Jr. kindergarten, we are creating a learning environment to prepare our students academically and socially for kindergarten.

Religion

- *One in Christ* curriculum published by Concordia Publishing House
- Daily Jesus Time with weekly theme or Bible story
- Learn about God's love for us and showing it to others
- Recognize and appreciate God's creation

Literacy Development

- Identify letters of the alphabet
- Write letters of the alphabet, journal making
- Letter sounds and identifying sounds in words, and an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL)
- Print awareness: roles of author/illustrator; left to right progression; distinguishing letters, words, and sentences
- Sequencing and predictions through daily stories and activities

Math

- *Scott Foresman – Addison Wesley* curriculum
- Identify and draw shapes
- Identify numerals
- Rote counting 1-31, ordinal numbers 1-10
- Counting objects 1-20
- Explore patterns (AB, AAB), sorting, graphing, measurements using various manipulatives, and classroom activities/centers
- Exposure to math terms (take away, add, equal, how many more, and comparative words)

Science

- Learn and investigate topics such as: weather, seasons, health, plants, and animals and their habitats
- Exploring concepts in the world around them through science experiments
- Identify basic colors and color mixing
- Sort and use of science tools such as magnets and magnifying glasses
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) system to create project-based learnings environments

Social Studies

We begin our social learning by making friends and participating in decision-making in the classroom. Then, we move beyond the classroom to the school and into the neighborhood.

Creative Arts

- Explore a variety of art processes using different mediums
- Dramatic play classroom centers: kitchen, library, puzzles, construction, science, art, puppet, etc.
- Fine motor skills: cutting, pasting, play dough, lacing, tying
- Singing, music, movement and rhythm
- Dramatize familiar stories through acting and puppetry

Experiences

- Field trips
- Library
- Music
- Chapel
- Show & tell
- Holiday celebration days
- Special Helper

Daily Schedule

Time	Activity
8:30	Welcome Page – at tables
8:45	Jesus Time – Bible stories, activity, songs, and prayer
9:00	Free Choice Time – at dramatic play centers throughout the room. There are teacher-led activities with individual students or small groups.
10:00	Clean Up
10:15	Wash Hands, Pray, Snack
10:30	Recess
10:45	Circle Time – Calendar; review of letters, numbers, shapes, themes; math and pre-reading activities
11:05	Show and Tell, Books and Puzzles
11:15	Goodbyes – Parents may come in during our books and puzzles time to sign out their child.

Library, Music, PE, & Show and Tell: weekly

Chapel: School-wide chapel sessions are on Wednesday (alternates between morning and afternoon)