

Faith Lutheran School Curriculum Program *Kindergarten*

Religion: Basal Textbook: *Voyage's* – Concordia Publishing House

It's easy to build enthusiasm for learning with these active lessons. Children become discoverers and explorers while growing in their faith and relationship with Jesus! Weekly lesson plans include puppet scripts for enhanced learning.

Reading – Language Arts: Basal Textbooks: *McGraw Hill Reading Program*

There is an emphasis on phonics in the following areas: letter sounds, beginning sounds, ending sounds, long-middle-short vowels, reading simple short vowel words, double vowel words, and simple sentences. They also cover sentence structure and classification, punctuation, story sequence, main characters, predicting outcomes, cause and effect, visual discrimination, patterning, rhyming words, antonyms-synonyms, following directions, reading comprehension, and listening comprehension.

Math: Basal Textbook: *Math K* – Saxon Publishers

The following math concepts are covered: shapes, patterning, size classification, same-different, numbers 0-20, time, sequencing, money, measurement, graphing, basic, addition and subtraction, and counting by ones, twos, fives, and tens.

Science: Basal Textbook: *Discovery Works* – Silver Burdett-Ginn

Science topics include the following: parts of the body, senses, nutrition-food groups, hygiene, plants (types and parts identification), animals (identification, habitats, life cycles, structure), insects, volume, movement, heat-cold, weather, seasons, planets, and ecosystems (oceans, deserts, forests, etc). This series has a full set of lab equipment for hands on activities. There is a video series to reinforce each unit.

Social Studies: Basal Textbook: *We Learn Together* - MacMillan/McGraw Hill

Social Studies begins with the child and home and then continues to the school and the community. Topics cover community helpers, safety, transportation, and current events. Other topics include basic US history (Columbus-Presidents-Holidays-Flag Day) and beginning map and globe skills.

Handwriting:

We use the D'Nealian approach to handwriting, which makes the transition to cursive much easier. All capital and lower case letters as well as numbers from 0-20 are covered.

Music:

Group singing of Christian and secular songs, rhythm instruments, simple music theory (quarter, half, dotted half, whole), high/low, loud/soft, and letters in the alphabet. Students have the opportunity to sing at worship services and 2 musicals throughout the school year.

Art: “Arts Attack”- Art Training for Teachers and Creative Kids

A complete video based developmental and sequential art program based on the teaching of art principals. Various media are used including watercolors, crayons, tempera, markers, finger-painting, and pastels. Art history is also a component of this program.

Computer:

A classroom computer is available for reinforcing letter recognition, math skills, phonics, language arts, reading, etc. This also gives students some hands-on keyboard practice. Students also go down to the computer lab for work with primary reading and math software.

Physical Education:

The Physical Education class begins with warm up and stretching exercises such as twenty jumping jacks, one lap before and after class. Basic eye-hand coordination exercises are next with dodge-ball, kick-ball, baseball, duck-duck-goose, and red-light-green-light types of sports. Social adjustment activities are encouraged such as learning to cooperate with others and dealing with frustration.