



# St. Paul's First Lutheran Kindergarten Curriculum

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## WORD OF GOD

### KINDERGARTEN RELIGION CURRICULUM – THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

We provide a Christ-centered environment in which children will have an opportunity to grow in their relationship of faith and life with God. They experience God's love and forgiveness daily, through direct teaching of His Word, modeling, classroom living and discipline.

Our children have the opportunity to:

- know God, through our Lord Jesus Christ;
- respond in faith and grow in Christian maturity;
- see themselves as forgiven children of God, live happily in peace with God, themselves and their fellow classmates;
- express their joy in worship of God and in loving service to others;
- value all of God's creative work in His world and the church;
- witness openly about Christ as the Savior of all people;

### WEEKLY KINDERGARTEN RELIGION CURRICULUM

- A scripture lesson/Bible story is taught four days each week.
- Each Monday and Thursday a new story is taught.
- Each Tuesday and Friday the children re-tell the previous days' story or act it out. Together, we recite a Bible verse called a "memory treasure" that is printed on the take home Bible story paper. Parents are encouraged to read the Bible stories with their children, as well as review the "memory treasure" with their child.
- Each Wednesday, the whole school attends chapel. Parents are always welcome to join us for chapel.

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## READING CURRICULUM

Our Language Arts program incorporates a strong phonics-based approach and a creative writing emphasis. Our goal is to use developmentally appropriate practices to produce emergent reading and encourage young readers.

Our curriculum includes the teaching of such skills as:

- Auditory and visual discrimination
- Left and right directionality
- Comprehension of a story
- Sequencing of events



- Matching upper and lower case letters
- Speaking in complete sentences
- Speaking comfortably in front of others
- Using descriptive words in sentences
- Recognition of rhyming words and ability to rhyme words
- Reciting Nursery Rhymes
- Ability to count how many words are in a sentence
- Contributing orally to class discussions
- Identifying "before" and "after" events
- Making predictions and observations
- Identifying sight words
- Ability to tell a story

Written language experiences are an important part of each day. The students enjoy:

- The Morning Message
- Producing books
- Writing in their journals daily.

Our school-wide computer program called "Accelerated Reader" may also be available for Kindergarten students who have become proficient readers.

## MATH CURRICULUM

To help prepare our children for success in math, we provide a program with varied learning opportunities that will develop strong thinking skills through hands-on exploration, and will lead to a solid understanding of numbers, shapes and patterns. This is done through:

- Use of manipulatives
- Incorporation of skills in daily routines
- Calendar date number sequencing
- Day patterning & day counting
- Month patterning
- Celebration of 100th Day
- Working with numbers to 20
- Measuring
- Counting by 2's, 5's and 10's
- Creating and extending patterns
- Estimating
- Telling time
- Money-recognition and counting
- Addition and subtraction



## SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE

Kindergarten children love to explore the world in which they live! We use various ways to help the students learn about themselves and others, and to help them discover the wonderful earth God created.

Each week there will be a new theme in Kindergarten that will help the students become involved in learning more about our neighborhood and community, our five senses, animals, holidays, seasons, and places in the world.

## SPECIALTY CLASSES

Kindergarten students at St. Paul's have the privilege of participating in:

- Art several times each week
- Music class four times each week with optional choir participation
- Kodaly method taught by Mr. Bauer
- Computer class in our computer lab
- Field Trips

## KINDERGARTEN GOALS

### OUR KINDERGARTEN MISSION

We believe that young children are unique individuals, created by God, naturally full of wonder and enthusiasm. In providing a developmentally appropriate learning environment, we will strive to meet the needs of the whole child.

### KEY ELEMENTS IN THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

- Each child will experience God's love and forgiveness through Christ, with the teacher as a model.
- Each child will learn naturally through experiences including hands-on learning.
- Each child will learn through experiences that involve all the senses and learning styles.
- Each child will gain knowledge and skills through varied learning activities.
- Each child will have opportunities to build positive relationships with classmates, teachers, and parents.

The Kindergarten program will demonstrate careful planning and creativity as well as integration with the overall educational program at St. Paul's and the standards of the State of California.