

***Trinity Lutheran
School***

613 Court St.
St. Joseph, MI

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***Kindergarten
Curriculum***



Our Mission Statement:

Trinity Lutheran School partners with students and families to live and mature in the Christian faith while providing educational excellence.

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Trinity offers a Full Day Kindergarten program. Parents also have the option of choosing a half-day setting for their child. (8:00 – 11:00) The afternoon portion of our program is considered to be “curriculum enrichment” and includes lunch, recess, quiet/rest time, centers and additional PE, Music, and field trips.

A child entering Trinity’s Kindergarten must turn 5 years of age on or before September 1 of that School year.

RELIGION

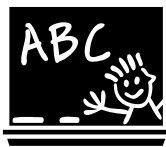
The kindergarten religion program is based on the CPH *Voyages* curriculum and centers around three major themes: 1) God and Me 2) God, Me and Others 3) God, Me, and My World. Through Old and New Testament stories, the children hear about God’s promises for His people in the past and His willingness to act on behalf of His people today.



Christian principles and values are modeled and discussed throughout the school day and the curriculum. Students worship God daily through prayer and song and participate in a weekly chapel service with the entire student body.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Kindergartners are exposed to a language and literature rich environment that guides them to an understanding that written words have meaning. They become familiar with all the capital and lowercase letters, letter sounds, and how letters are properly written.



Many students begin to apply letter sounds in their reading and writing.

Kindergarten students are given numerous opportunities to recognize/read words that have meaning to them such as: their own name, friend’s names, and many other common sight words. They are exposed to a wide variety of literature with the encouragement that books and reading provide a wonderful and desirable adventure. They make a number of books themselves. Children express themselves through oral language, drawing, copying print, and using their own “developmental” spelling.

MATH

Kindergarten math concepts include number identification and value, counting skills, patterning, sorting, measurement, tally marks, time, and number combinations. Our program is very activity oriented and involves many “hands-on” materials and everyday experiences. Daily calendar activities also encourage a wide variety of math concepts.



SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

Science and Social Studies are integrated thematically within the language and math curriculum through real experiences. Field trips enhance student learning. Students learn about themselves, their families, and the world around them and are encouraged to observe, classify, measure, compare and predict.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Children learn the concepts of fair play, teamwork, body movement, and taking care of the body God has blessed them with. A variety of games and simple drills are introduced in PE class. PLAY during outside recess is a daily experience.

MUSIC

Kindergartners participate in a wide variety of musical opportunities in both the classroom and music class. Musical experiences include singing, rhythm, movement activities, and listening. Kindergartners participate in a choir to enhance Sunday worship several times during the year.



ART

Children are encouraged to create their own unique works of art through varied experiences. They use a variety of media such as: crayons, markers, paint glitter, tissue paper, yarn etc. Our students also participate in the art curriculum offered by Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph.



COMPUTERS

Kindergarten students become familiar with manipulating a mouse and letter placement on the keyboard as they learn the correct use of a computer. Various games help to reinforce letter and number concepts.

