

Kindergarten Curriculum Objectives

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Mission Statement

As we share the love of Jesus with all who enter our door, Guardian Lutheran School strives to nurture families and, through quality Christ-centered education, to prepare students academically to integrate faith and life.

A Christian Environment

- Christ-centered teaching and learning
- Daily religious instruction
- Classroom devotions
- Weekly Chapel services
- Dedicated Christian teachers
- A loving, nurturing and forgiving environment.

Religion

Religion is a part of the entire day and not confined to only one set of worship period and instruction. Experiences such as caring for classmates, class pets, or making a discovery on the playground are viewed with an awareness of the Creator. Solving problems within the classroom involves sharing forgiveness with each other and receiving forgiveness from God through Jesus. The children will be encouraged to give gifts to others to show the love of Jesus Christ to all people. The children will know that prayer comes from the heart, and that God hears and answers all of our prayers.

Art

Art provides opportunities to explore, discover and express the kindergarten child's

perception of the environment and of self. It is a vital element in the child's personality development. Art activities support and supplement the kindergarten curriculum in all the developmental areas if the emphasis is on the art experience and not the complete product.

Handwriting

Students will recognize and use capital and lower case D'Nealian letters and numerals correctly. Proper posture, pencil grip, and proper positioning will be taught to ensure good writing habits. Spacing between letters will be introduced. Self-evaluation of written work also begins at this level.

Language Arts

A phonetic approach to language helps students in their developmental stages of reading readiness. Our reading readiness program consists of four components: Listening, speaking, writing and pre-reading skills. Involvement such as role playing, retelling or illustrating will help the children to express themselves. They listen to a wide variety of children's literature, including selections from classic and contemporary works.

Math

Students explore every day uses of math as they begin to learn about money, temperature, time, days of the week, and calendars. Manipulatives are used to increase awareness of sets, sizes, and shapes. They also sort and classify sets. Making and recognizing patterns is an integral part of kindergarten math. Students also begin to understand measurement using non-standard units of measure. Recognition of whole vs. sets of objects making a whole is introduced.

Music

Kindergarten children naturally respond to the rhythm and mood of music. A complete musical experience includes sound, movement, listening, and creative expression. Rhythm continues to be fun for this age student. They can echo rhythm and clap to

the beat of different tempos. Some attention is given to melody and range of notes as they go up or down. They enjoy accompanying with instruments and moving while singing. Awareness of sections of music in musical pieces gets them more involved in their musical performance.

Physical Education

Cooperation is a key skill that students at this level begin to work on in a fun way. Learning to play together fosters the idea of group work and responsibility for individual as well as group actions. As age appropriate needs and abilities indicate, students work on skills such as balancing, bouncing, and passing a ball. Their activity throughout the day allows for emotional as well as physical release.

Science

The Christian is in a unique position in the area of science. The Christian enjoys the search for knowledge, stands in awe of the facts discovered, and praises God the Creator for His everlasting wisdom and power. The children will observe weather and the effects of weather that bring about seasonal changes. They are eager to learn more in explorative ways as they compare things. They learn to classify animals such as mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles and learn about their existing habitats. The children will also learn more about themselves by exploring their five senses. Day and night are explored as they study the sun and moon.

Social Studies

As students observe what is around them every day, they learn more about God's world. They understand more about time and why special holidays are important to them. Working together and independently helps them foster an appreciation for becoming a part of class and school. Respect for those in authority is expected and taught. Students will know that God commands all of us to follow His lead and respect those who are placed in positions of authority. Students will enjoy learning about the world around them by studying topics like transportation, community helpers and leaders, as well as different customs and places around the world.

Field Trip experiences are planned to enhance the classroom curriculum several times a year.

