

## **PURPOSE**

Four Year Old preschool can be the first steps into school for many children. We strive to make these first steps positive, Christ-filled, safe, and fun! At St. Lorenz Lutheran Preschool, we will strive to share the love of Christ in all we do as well as we:

- Provide a pleasant social & developmental experience in a classroom setting
- Promote a healthy attitude toward school and group activities
- Encourage creative expression in a classroom setting
- Offer activities for developmental growth
- Build self-esteem and self-confidence
- Encourage self-control
- Provide faith building opportunities

## **GOALS**

By the end of the school year our goal is that each child will:

- Know that Jesus loves them
- Have acquired age appropriate social skills
- Print his/her own first name
- Successfully use scissors, glue, and paints
- Identify colors and basic shapes
- Recognize letters and numbers

## **PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM**

The preschool curriculum at St. Lorenz is taught thematically. Incorporated into each theme are lessons pertaining to each of the following areas:

- Bible stories and crafts
- Math activities
- Science experiences
- Art & Music activities
- Emergent Literacy activities
- Physical activities in the gym or outdoors

## **RELIGION**

Our Religion materials are from Concordia Publishing House *One in Christ*. Preschoolers daily participate in Jesus Time or Chapel.

- Listen to stories from the Bible
- Sing songs in praise to God
- Take part in group & echo prayers
- Come to know Jesus as their friend who died and rose for them
- Know God the Father as their Creator who always loves them
- Taught to show God's love to others throughout the day

## **SCIENCE**

The preschool children will use their senses to discover God's world around them.

- Hands on activities exploring scientific concepts
- Experiencing the life cycles of monarch butterflies and frogs
- Observe insect life
- Learning about weather
- Growing their own plants
- Explore science tools such as magnets, droppers, and magnifying glasses
- Be able to experience animals in the classroom
- Learn about nutrition, exercise, and dental health
- Experience a week-long hands-on Outdoor Education at our St. Lorenz Churchgrove

## **MATH**

Children are naturally curious and have a built-in desire to learn first-hand about the world around them. They want to make sense out of things and find out how things work. Math concepts are taught throughout the themes that we teach as well as using practical application through our everyday activities.

- Shape recognition
- Lining up
- Patterning activities
- Sorting, matching
- Teacher dictated story
- Fingerplays and rhymes using manipulatives
- Numeral recognition

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

Preschoolers are provided with experiences with oral and written language. Using the *Handwriting Without Tears* curriculum, children will learn a new letter each week, learn its sound and identify words that start with each letter. Children will also be able to write the letters of the alphabet and be able to recognize them.

- Engage in conversations about real life experiences and current events.
- Learning opportunities are provided for children to enhance their ability to listen.
- Children are given opportunities to speak to the whole class (leader, show & tell).
- Countless exposure to the written language, where children are read to on a daily basis, thereby learning to appreciate good literature. Books are available throughout the classroom.
- Children will participate in emergent literacy activities including fingerplays, rhymes, and songs.
- Preschoolers will begin to recognize words that have meaning to them.
- Pen, paper, and blank books and other art material are available for opportunities for various pre-writing and pre-reading experiences.
- Children will illustrate stories that they have written or dictated to the teacher.

## **ART AND CREATIVITY**

- Preschoolers have opportunities to create with a variety of art medium experience with mixing colors.
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- Access to the Art Table to make their own creations.
- Children are encouraged to create their own unique works of art.
- The focus of art is on the process rather than the product.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

The preschool classroom environment encourages each child to have a healthy sense of self and a positive self-esteem. The social skills of children are fostered through daily activities.

- Children are coached into self-regulating their emotions and behaviors.
- Children are taught how to effectively communicate with others.
- Preschoolers are paired up with a buddy from an older grade and share a special friendship together.
- Through educational themes the children learn about themselves, their friends, their families, our country, our Christian school, holidays, and people in other countries.

## **LARGE AND SMALL MOTOR DEVELOPMENT**

Children daily take part in activities that promote large and small motor development.

- Large motor activities include running, jumping, throwing, catching, walking, hopping, galloping, marching, and balancing.
- Children participate with parachutes, scooters, balls, beanbags, and other equipment.
- Fine motor activities include lacing, stringing (beads, buttons, etc.), drawing, painting, working with play dough, completing puzzles, using puppets, and constructing with blocks, legos, and other manipulatives.
- Children learn to correctly use pencils, scissors, brushes, crayons, play dough utensils, and markers.

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## **Four-Year-Old Curriculum**

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