



Concord Lutheran School
Bensenville, IL
Curriculum Guide
First Grade

Welcome to Concord in the name of our Lord Jesus. We believe that communication is vital to the success of our students. Our partnership with parents and families will help your understanding of the school's goals and skills in your child's grade level. As a child of God we value highly the success of our students. This guide is a brief summary of the curriculum that your child will experience at Concord Lutheran School.

Religion

Through the religion curriculum students will continue their lifelong journey in the Christian faith. The relationship God has with us and others is one that is not only lifelong but eternal. It is a living and ongoing process. As people of faith, it is our fervent prayer that the study of the Word of God allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through all who study and work here so that their lives might be one of Christian hope, service, and love.

First grade students will learn:

- God's Word through the books of the Bible, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments
- Creation including; the fall into sin, Noah and the flood
- God's promise to send a Savior
- That God sent His Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- The Great Commission to go baptize and teach
- About being good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures as they serve others and support a mission opportunity with their weekly chapel offering

Language Arts

Through the study of language arts, students will learn to read fluently and understand a broad range of written materials. They must be able to communicate well and listen carefully and effectively. They should develop a command of the language, demonstrate their knowledge through speaking, and write for a variety of audiences and purposes.

Students will:

- Apply word analysis and vocabulary skills to comprehend literary works
- Apply reading strategies to improve understanding and fluency
- Understand theme, setting, plot and character in both fiction and non-fiction works
- Write for a variety of purposes using correct grammar
- Use an organized process for writing narrative and expository work
- Speak effectively using language appropriate to the situation
- Apply acquired information to write letters, reports, and stories
- Listen effectively using attentive behaviors such as maintaining eye-contact, demonstrating self control, and facing the speaker
- Organize and use information from a variety of sources to answer questions, solve problems, and communicate ideas

Math

The mathematics curriculum provides necessary number, problem-solving, and high-order thinking skills that will benefit the students in all phases of their lives. Students will be instructed by challenging them to succeed to the best of their God-given abilities.

Students will:

- Develop a working knowledge of key vocabulary when speaking and writing about mathematics
- Use a variety of strategies to solve problems and use math symbols correctly
- Count and write whole numbers to 100 and count by 1 to 200, starting at various points
- Skip count by 2's, 5's, 10's and work with odd and even numbers
- Apply place value concepts (ones, tens, and hundreds)
- Work with fractions involving halves, thirds, and fourths
- Perform computational procedures to solve problems of addition of two and three numbers written vertically and horizontally
- Understand the relationship between addition and subtraction as opposite operations
- Understand the concepts of a calendar, time, and coin values in relation to measurement
- Use addition and subtraction to show the understanding of fact families
- Describe attributes of two and three dimensional shapes
- Identify geometric names of shapes in everyday objects
- Collect and organize data in a chart, graph, or pictograph

Science

The science curriculum emphasizes that God created the universe and is the preserver of all the laws of nature. The interpretation of scientific data is done in accordance with God's Word. The students are exposed to a variety of authentic learning experiences to nurture creative and critical thinking skills. It seeks to enable students to develop these skills and is designed to teach students to seek God in all things and to treat all of God's creation in a loving and respectful manner.

Students will:

- Use the scientific method of problem solving
- Identify and describe living and non-living things such as mammals, insects, and dinosaurs
- Distinguish the parts of the human body, skeletal system, and senses
- Identify the properties of light and color
- Understand the principles of matter, force and motion, and magnetism
- Identify the parts of the solar system, seasons, night and day, and weather

Social Studies

The social studies curriculum emphasizes the study of the individual Christian's relationships with other human beings and with God's world. The students will learn to respect and appreciate others and our environment as a unique gift from God. Critical thinking skills are practiced so that students learn how to make value judgments and wise decisions.

Students will:

- Understand political systems by learning about citizenship, electing leaders, and making laws
- Recognize symbols of America
- Identify historic leaders (i.e. Washington, Lincoln, other presidents, MLK)

1st grade Social Studies continued

- Describe early American life from explorers to the first Thanksgiving
- Explain the significance of holidays
- Use simple maps
- Understand culture through folklore, legends, myths, and holidays