



Concord Lutheran School
Bensenville, IL
Curriculum Guide
Kindergarten

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 areas that your child will be exposed to 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.

Kindergarten students will learn about their Lord and Savior as they study:

- The knowledge of God's Word and growth through Bible stories of the Old and New Testament, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer.

Language Arts

Through the study of language arts, students will be exposed to reading strategies and 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 begin writing for a variety of audiences and purposes.

Students will:

- Decode new vocabulary
- Develop strategies to comprehend new words
- Develop pre-reading strategies
- Summarize a given text
- Recognize poetic devices, such as rhyme, rhythm, and repetition.
- Connect events and situations in both fiction and nonfiction to personal experience
- Relate literature from different time periods and cultures, such as fairy tales, folk tales, and fables
- Develop their listening and speaking skills through class activities

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 at their level of instruction 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
- Use math symbols correctly
- Count forward and backwards
- Understand the relationship between addition and subtraction as opposite operations
- Apply the ideas of a calendar, time, and coin values 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
- Collecting and organizing data in a chart, graph, or pictograph
- Pose questions and gather data about self and surroundings

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 learn about:

- Living and non-living matter
- Co-existence in nature
- Life cycles of plants and animals
- Characteristics of the four seasons
- Characteristics of the five senses
- Ecology and the environment

Social Studies

The social studies curriculum emphasizes the study of the individual Christian's interrelationships 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 learn about:

- God's placement of people
- Respecting authority, understanding a person's decisions, and the importance of rules
- The pledges to the American and Christian flags
- The flag as a symbol of our country
- The use of money around the world
- The differences and similarities of people
- Christian and historical holidays
- Maps representing places in the world