



*Concord Lutheran School  
Bensenville, IL  
Curriculum Guide  
Pre-School 3 and Pre-Kindergarten 4*

Welcome to Concord in the name of our Lord Jesus. We believe 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 your child will experience at Concord Lutheran School.

We believe children in the early-childhood years learn best through self discovery and exploration. Our children learn by experimenting, exploring and experiencing our theme based curriculum. The discovery and play promotes the total development of the child and enhances their knowledge and strengthens their self-esteem. Christ is at the center of all that we do and we start and finish our day in prayer.

Our Christian faith:

*Through our 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, and living as His baptized children will allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through all who study and work here so their life might be one of Christian hope, service, and love.*

Below are the areas that children will experience:

Circle time:

- an opportunity to share the love of Christ with children through songs and bible stories, work on listening skills and attention spans
- calendar and weather time
- morning message, counting and days of the month (4's)
- exposed to the seasonal and Church year curriculum themed units such as: fall, winter, spring and summer as well as Reformation, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter

Book Corner:

- an opportunity to learn through story books
- exposure to words and letters
- develop verbal and listening skills

Math/Blocks Center:

- learn patterns, symmetry and balance (3's, 4's), sequencing, numeral matching, recognition and graphing (4's)
- learn math, including height, width, depth, and length
- develop cooperation skills and sharing
- beginning addition and subtraction (4's)

Science Area:

- learn about nature
- a place to explore and develop curiosity
- investigate the world around us
- make predictions, observations, experiment with colors, and measurement (4's)

Manipulative Center:

- develop fine motor skills through puzzles, play-dough, pegboards and lacing beads
- develop language, mental, social, and problem-solving skills

Writing Center:

- an opportunity to develop communication skills through written work
- develop letters and word recognition
- strengthen and develop small muscles as well as fine motor skills
- ability to express their thoughts and feelings

Sensory/Sand & Water table:

- learn about pouring, measuring, comparing with oatmeal, potato flakes, rice, water, and popcorn
- expand their sensory awareness through textures of objects
- broaden their communication skills by cooperating with other students

Art Area:

- express their thoughts and feelings through painting, use of chalk, coloring with markers and crayons
- develop cutting skills along with pasting and gluing skills
- share their creativity and imagination

Music Center:

- through music and movement the children experience the ability to express themselves
- learn songs that develop their listening skills, memorization and sequencing
- singing and playing instruments
- memorization and sequencing

Large Motor Time (Gym and Playground):

- discover the gifts God has given children through movement and exercise
- develop muscle coordination through games and activities
- grow in the ability to share and cooperate with others
- develop self-esteem through participation in games and free play

Snack time:

- work on manners
- learn to pray before eating and thank God for our food
- develop eating habits

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