



**Pilgrim**  
Lutheran School

# Kindergarten Highlights

## INTRODUCTION

*Children are a heritage of the Lord. Psalm 127:3*

It is a great privilege as an educator to love and nurture children so that they may grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's wonderful world. The skills taught in Kindergarten are the foundational building blocks of education. Students in our program enjoy a comprehensive curriculum using hands-on activities, cooperative groups, independent work, and learning through play in the subjects of literacy, reading, math, science, social studies, art, music, and religion.

### Religion

We use a Christ-centered, Bible-based curriculum from Concordia Publishing. Students are taught Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments helping them to learn God's plan of salvation. Bible verses are memorized weekly and songs along with prayer are integral parts of their study. It is our desire that the students will grow in their desire to know God and follow His ways. The curriculum also emphasizes living the faith in everyday life.

### Reading / Literacy

Our reading/literacy curriculum is taught using Houghten/Mifflin as our basal reader together with the "Daily Five" literacy program. Skills include phonemic awareness, letter and sound recognition, comprehension skills, vocabulary, building reading fluency, writing, listening, and oral language. These skills are taught through: Read to Self, Word Work, Listen to Reading, Independent Writing, and Buddy Reading. Whole group, small group, and one-on-one instruction are used to gear instruction to all developmental levels.

### Science

In science our students explore, observe and experiment with a wide variety of science topics such as: plants, animals, weather, seasons, senses, movement and earth. McGraw/Hill Science, the Learning Workshop and teacher-created units are all utilized in our science curriculum.

### Math

McGraw/Hill mathematics helps our students develop proficiency in conceptual understanding, computational and procedural skills, and problem-solving ability. Topics introduced are: positions, sorting, graphs, patterns, numbers 1-100, money, measurement, time, addition, subtraction, geometry and fractions. The students use hands-on manipulatives and written work.

### Social Studies

Our social studies curriculum utilizes Scott/Foresman social studies, the Learning Workshop and teacher created units. Topics include: family friends, communities, jobs, America, countries around the world, and celebrations.

### Experiences Include:

- **Field Trips:** Pumpkin Patch/Farm, Mexican Tienda, Albertsons, Theater
- Classroom Holiday Parties
- Down By The Sea Celebration
- Thanksgiving Celebration
- Circus Carnival
- Christmas Caroling
- Christmas Musical
- Kindergarten Graduation
- National Lutheran Schools Week
- Instruction in Art, Music, Computers, Library and P.E.
- Art Literacy
- School-wide Assemblies
- Weekly Chapel Service

