



**Pilgrim**  
Lutheran School

# Preschool

Monday-Friday

## Highlights

## INTRODUCTION

Preschool students are excitable learners! Many things are new to them as they enter school for the first time. Socialization is very important as they learn to be kind friends, take turns, share and wait! Academics begin as they are introduced to emergent literacy concepts, simple math skills and basic science and social studies experiences. These lessons help the children to become successful students.

### Religion

Jesus touches every part of our day. During Jesus Time, we use curriculum from *Concordia Publishing*. Students learn that Jesus loves them, is their friend, is real, and is always near. The joy of being forgiven and accepted with the unconditional love of Jesus is taught. Most significantly, they learn Jesus is their Savior who takes away their sins.

### Reading / Literacy

Our literacy curriculum is derived from *Houghton Mifflin*. There are ten units of study that span from "Welcome to School" to "Ready for Kindergarten." Within the curriculum, students learn letter recognition; initial and ending sounds; blending; rhyming; vocabulary development; story development and sequencing; comprehension; book/print awareness; and writing. This enables the students to develop and grow in emergent literacy skills that prepare them for kindergarten.

### Math

*Houghton Mifflin* introduces preschool children to math. Concepts are naturally taught through daily activities and routines. Children interact with objects, ideas and people to build their own understanding of mathematics. This foundational program provides students with a solid base in position; direction; sorting and classifying; geometric shapes; graphing; number sense; time; patterns; and measuring.

### Science

Preschool students learn science through exploration, observation and experimentation. They expand their understanding during units of study in movement and position; the five senses; plants and animals; changes in environment; weather and seasons; and health and safety.

### Social Studies

Family and Community; Construction; City and Country; and Ready for kindergarten are all topics students explore in preschool. Knowledge is acquired through hands-on centers, direct instruction, and story time.

### Experiences Include:

- Art/Crafts
- Christmas and Spring Music Programs
- Classroom Holiday Parties
- Field Trips
- Library
- Mother's Day Tea
- Music
- National Lutheran Schools Week
- PE/Health
- School Wide Assemblies
- Sixth Grade Buddies
- Weekly Chapel

