

TRINITY

Lutheran School and
Early Childhood Center

Kindergarten Program



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Kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran

At Trinity Lutheran School we have carefully constructed our full-day Kindergarten program to be a positive first experience for our youngest students. The curriculum balances academic emphasis on reading, writing and math with work-play times for hands-on learning.

Curriculum

We teach the New York State Curriculum, enhanced by instruction in art, music, library skills, technology, physical education, and of course daily religious instruction in the Christian faith and weekly chapel. (Foreign language instruction is provided beginning in Third Grade.) The skills and topics covered in our Kindergarten are listed on the next page of this brochure.

Faculty

Trinity's faculty are certified, professional teachers, with the added benefit of their commitment to parochial education. Teacher's aides in each of our Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms assist our students and faculty, to further ensure that each child receives the attention and support they need.

Class Size

Trinity's Kindergarten classes are small, usually 20 students or less.

Uniforms

Our Kindergartners wear uniforms, available from Lobel's Uniforms located in the Sunrise Mall in Massapequa.

Transportation and Textbooks

If you live within 15 miles of Trinity, bus transportation is provided by your local school district. Your public school system also provides the textbooks your child(ren) will need.

After Care

Trinity's after care program, PLUS (Playing and Learning Under Supervision) is here for working parents who need after care and is available until 6 pm each day. PLUS provides homework supervision after an after-school snack and recreation period.

Home/School Connection

We encourage Kindergarten parents to become acquainted with their child's teachers and to participate in classroom activities. Involved parents are a vital and welcome part of our school. Trinity's website, Edline at www.TrinityLI.org, provides parents with an easy way to contact their teachers and to keep apprised of happenings at Trinity. Kindergarten families are invited to attend our special events, including our Christmas luncheon, special relative day, class parties, and the Kindergarten graduation.

Extras

Our Kindergartners are assigned their own "fifth-grade friend," to help guide them through their Kindergarten year. Each child is assigned an older student as a bus buddy to ease the apprehension of taking the bus for the first time.

Skills Development in Kindergarten

Reading/Language Arts

Sequence of events
Use an adequate vocabulary
Identify rhyming words
Identify beginning, medial and ending sounds in words
Recognize letters of the alphabet in isolation
Retell and originate stories
Relate experiences to group
Recognition of high frequency words
Reality vs fantasy
Identify syllables
Journal writing
Listening comprehension
Decoding skills

Visual and Auditory Skills

Discriminate between relative sizes
Discriminate between shapes
Discriminate differences in sounds
Left to right and progression

Appreciation of Literature

Enjoy stories, poems and books
Enjoy looking at pictures
Handle books carefully

Science

Develop curiosity about natural environment
Increase understanding of physical environment

Mathematics

Tell time to the hour
Count in sequence to 30
Recognize and group sets of objects
Recognize and write numerals 0-30
Recognize and produce shapes
Addition and subtraction
Measurement and graphing
Detecting a pattern, positional terms
Estimating
Recognition and use of a penny, nickel and dime

Social Studies

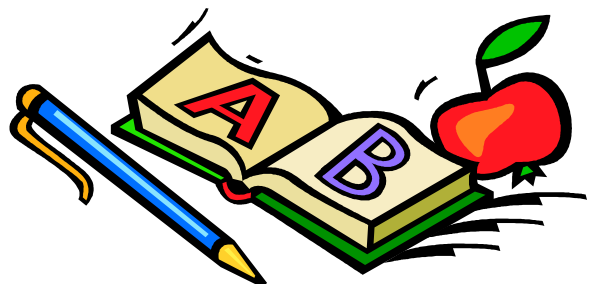
Develop awareness of self, family and community

Religion

Basic concepts of Christian faith
Jesus's love for all people
God's care for child's physical, emotional and spiritual needs
Prayer and worship
Festivals of the church year

Computer

Basic computer skills
Awareness of computer hardware
Recognition and placement of letters, numbers, symbols on computer keyboard
Curriculum enrichment



Social Skills

- Work and play cooperatively
- Gain self-confidence
- Work independently
- Accept responsibility
- Share ideas and materials
- Appreciate other children
- Gain feeling of security in school
- Recognize own errors
- Take turns
- Gain in knowledge and understanding of community

Work Habits

- Care for and pick up materials
- Use time to good advantage
- Complete a task, follow directions
- See things to do without being told

Motor Skills

- Cut with scissors following a line
- Hold crayons, pencils, scissors correctly
- Glue objects on paper
- Skip, gallop, hop, jump
- Basic handwriting skills for letters and numbers using primary lined paper

Art and Music

- Enjoy and respond well to music
- Sing songs for enjoyment
- Create original art

Health

- Follow safety rules
- Keep neat and clean
- Keep materials out of mouth
- Go to toilet *alone* and wash hands



Work - Play Time

Through work-play periods, your child will learn to:

- Live, work, communicate, share and play with others
- Plan, create and carry out individual and group projects
- Establish good habits and orderliness and neatness
- Listen to and follow directions
- Discover creativity by using a variety of materials
- Write and understand numbers 0-30
- Write own name and letters of the alphabet

Through stories, discussions and dramatizations, your child will learn to:

- Build a strong foundation for reading
- Develop and increase vocabulary
- Listen, concentrate and comprehend
- Contribute and express ideas clearly
- Develop conversational skills
- Gain experience through the lives of others

Through music and song, your child will learn to:

- Develop feeling for rhythm and grace
- Control his/her voice
- Develop large muscle control
- Know numbers, the alphabet and a world of new words
- Listen to and enjoy music and group singing



