



First Lutheran School  
ENGAGE. INSPIRE. ACHIEVE.

# Kindergarten at First Lutheran School

The Next Step:  
Exploring and Building Knowledge,  
Faith and Character



# A BIG STEP IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Kindergarten is an important step in a child's learning and the first major step in their formal schooling. First Lutheran School is committed to a challenging academic curriculum at all grade levels. Our academic program is based on the California Department of Education's Curriculum Standards and State Framework, and is enriched with a religion curriculum, *One In*

*Christ*, published by Concordia Publishing House. First Lutheran's faculty members are dedicated, caring, and highly qualified Christian educators. Ongoing staff development ensures the best practices in teaching methods.



## English and Language Arts

First Lutheran uses the Imagine It Program for instruction in reading and literature. In kindergarten, students learn beginning and ending sounds of words, phonemic awareness, vowels, the alphabet, sound-symbol relationships, rhyming and blending sounds. Students practice printing and spelling using words from the phonics lessons and sight words. To reinforce reading skills and a love of literature, kindergarteners visit the school library once a week, where they may select a book to take home. Our school librarian provides a selection of reading level-appropriate materials centered around winners of the Caldecott Award and the California Young Readers Nominees.

## Physical Education

Kindergarteners participate in two 30-minute sessions of Physical Education per week with First Lutheran's P.E. teacher. They explore movement, rhythm, throwing, catching, and kicking, while learning the importance of health and physical fitness.

## Mathematics

First Lutheran's kindergarten program uses the Go Math! curriculum. During the first semester, students focus on understanding the relationship between numbers and quantities. They also begin working on number operations. During the second semester, they continue the focus on number relationships as they use base ten to understand the numbers from 11-20. The other math topics covered in the second semester include; understanding the basic two dimensional and three dimensional shapes, basic measurement and classifying and sorting data. Problem solving is incorporated throughout each unit.



## Science

The focus of the kindergarten science program is on the use of inquiry and discovery. Our topics of study include: plant life cycles with apples and pumpkins, bats, body systems, animal group characteristics, the water cycle, insects and rocky shore habitats.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities are also incorporated into seasonal and thematic units. Kindergarten students explore these topics in a hands-on fashion that helps the children relate science to their everyday experiences.

## Social Studies

Kindergartners use Exploring My World to learn about main themes: friends, school, neighborhood, map reading, timelines, American symbols, family heritage, pilgrims, respect for others, famous Americans, ecology, transportation, the Bill of Rights, multiculturalism, conservation and civic responsibility. Some of the special events that help teach

these themes include a Bounty of Thanks, Johnny Appleseed Day, and national holidays such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day. Students also celebrate Black History Month, Dr. Seuss' Birthday, and One Hundred Days of School.

## Music

Kindergarten students have two 25-minute sessions of music per week. Students learn hymns and songs related to the liturgy, and also sing and listen to music of various styles and cultures. Kindergarten students learn about steady beat and rhythm as they play percussion instruments.

## Religion

Our students use the One In Christ curriculum, learning to apply Christian faith to daily life. They learn to say the Lord's Prayer, study the Ten Commandments, and discuss Bible verses. Students attend chapel services once a week and open each school day with a prayer. First Lutheran kindergarteners also perform a Christmas chapel for the school and sing in church one Sunday during the school year.

*First Lutheran Church and School, rooted in Christian faith and the assurance of God's graces. Provides our diverse community of children a quality education, preparing them to participate in the world through lives of service and leadership.*



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