

# Good Shepherd Lutheran School

## Nursery Curriculum

Children are active learners. We use flexible teaching materials and hands-on activities to enhance learning in language development, letter and number recognition, and development of motor skills. Play is also an important medium for children's social, emotional and cognitive development. First hand experiences and opportunities for social interaction, physical observation and questioning are integrated into all disciplines.

### Colors

- introduce colors: red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, brown, black

### Shapes

- introduce shapes: circle, square, triangle, rectangle, diamond, oval

### Math Concepts

- introduce opposites: in-out, up-down, big-little, open-closed, near-far front-back, between, same-different
- various activities reinforce concepts (i.e. games, songs)

### Number Concepts

- recognition and counting of numbers zero to five

### Language Activities

- letter recognition
- recognition of name in print
- auditory discrimination in rhyming words (nursery rhymes and poems)
- receptive (listening) and expressive (speaking) language skills

### Themes

- Community Helpers: fireman, librarian, dentist, letter carrier, doctor, nurse policeman. Children role play helper's activities. Helpers visit the school.
- Science: my body; life cycle (plants, butterflies, frogs); food cycle (spring planting-fall harvest)
- Farm animals

### Religion

- Main concepts: Jesus loves us and takes care of us, God made the world and us.
- Bible stories
- Christmas
- Easter
- see separate curriculum guide

### Field Trips

- Fall
- Spring

### Holidays

- Thanksgiving (Thanks Gathering for parents)
- Advent (program for parents)
- Christmas (party in class with parents)
- Valentine's Day (party in class)
- Easter (party in class)
- Mother's Day Tea (with parents)
- Year-end party (with parents)