

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum

Learning is playful, interactive, interdisciplinary, and connected. The teacher provides a balance between individual and group activities, active and quiet times, teacher-directed and child-selected activities. The children learn through exploration, discovery, investigation, role playing, and using tools and materials in creative ways.

Colors and Shapes

- review
- provide various activities to reinforce knowledge

Language Activities

- play with words – repetitions, nonsense words, rhyming words
- letter sounds
- story predicting

Reading Readiness

- letter matching – upper and lower case
- letter writing – upper and lower case
- writing name – upper and lower case

Math Readiness (N.Y.S. Mathematics Curriculum Initiative)

- Reasoning/sorting
- Number sense (1-10) counting, recognizing, ordering, between, after, before, following
- Modeling – circles, squares, rectangles, triangles; larger, smaller
- Measurement – using non-standard tools; taller, shorter, same
- Uncertainty – (estimation) more than, less than, same as
- Patterns – use of manipulatives

Themes

- 5 Senses
- All About Animals: discuss where they live, what they eat, etc., create a mural, puppets, etc.
- Plants: parts of plant, what things are needed for them to grow (water, soil, sun)
- Weather: four seasons
- Healthy Habits

Religion

- Main concepts: Jesus loves us, takes care of us and is always with 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)