

2 Pre-K Program



*“My mission is to help very young students to believe that they are **important, valued, and loved**; not only by those they interact with in the classroom, but most importantly by Jesus. A safe and positive classroom environment allows children to experience learning, develop confidence, and establish friendships. 2K students are introduced to early concepts through theme-based group and individual experiences. Daily opportunities for guidance and learning are also child-driven, as they experiment, explore, and ask questions about God’s world.” Mrs. Schumacher*

PURPOSE OF 2 PRE-K PROGRAM

The purpose of St. Paul Lutheran Pre-Kindergarten is to provide a Christ-centered learning environment in which children and their families can hear the good news of Jesus and grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically.

SCIENCE

Opportunities are provided to explore and discover God’s creation through:

- ◆ Experimenting
- ◆ Observing
- ◆ Cause and effect

SOCIAL INTERACTION AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Small group, large group, and independent creative play are incorporated into each class time, giving children a variety of learning experiences to help guide them to:

- ◆ Separate from parents and interact with peers in a positive way
- ◆ Practice vocal and listening skills, sharing, class routines and self-help skills

GROSS AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Opportunities and materials are provided to:

- ◆ Develop and strengthen hand-eye coordination
- ◆ Practice and gain fine motor skills daily through themed projects, process art, sensory and finger/hand strengthening activities
- ◆ Weekly gross motor activities in our gymnasium enhance the child’s coordination, agility, strength and balance. A variety of materials such as beanbags, streamers, balls, parachutes and music are used

LITERACY

Basic literacy skills and a love of reading are developed through activities including:

- ◆ Group stories, poems, and songs at circle time
- ◆ Exposure to a variety of literature
- ◆ School library opportunities later in the year, including story time activities and checking out books
- ◆ Practicing the first letter of their name and name recognition

MATH

Skills are developed and guided as children work on sizes, shapes, colors, counting to ten, and sorting objects.

JESUS TIME

“Hands on Bible Curriculum” by Group is the curriculum used daily. Through these lessons we:

- ◆ Know God created them and everything else
- ◆ Know the Bible is God’s Word
- ◆ Know Jesus is God’s Son, our Savior who died and rose for us
- ◆ Know that daily prayer is important communication with God
- ◆ Learn godly character through stories, songs, daily experiences and weekly Early Childhood worship time

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