

Trinity Lutheran School, Burr Ridge, Illinois
CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – KINDERGARTEN

*The Kindergarten curriculum incorporates state learning standards and Trinity's distinctive mission.
Trinity provides a quality, accredited education in a loving, Christian environment.*

Religion

Identify Jesus, our best friend, as God
Begin to recognize sins in daily lives
Tell that Jesus died and rose again for everyone
Want to please God because we love and trust Him
Talk about how God made us his children through Baptism
Identify the Bible as a special book that tells about Jesus
Demonstrate a growing love for Jesus
Talk about how God protects us in times of trouble
Begin to understand the liturgical seasons of Christmas and Easter
Pray sentence prayers from the heart
Want to give gifts to Jesus
Explain that people go to church to worship God
Memorize and recite Bible verses, Lords Prayer, Ten Commandments

Mathematics

Rote count to 100
Recognize numbers 0-30
Write numbers 0-10
Identify ordinal numbers first to fifth
Recognize parts of a whole
Add and subtract numbers 1-5, using manipulatives
Use comparison terms: big, little, more, less
Recognize penny, nickel, dime, quarter
Perform measurements using standard and non-standard units
Use a calendar
Recognize time to the hour
Match sets using one-to-one correspondence
Demonstrate "one more than"/ "one less than"
Recognize and use geometric shapes
Reproduce and recognize patterns
Read simple graphs
Classify object by more than one attribute
Estimate and predict results

Language Arts

Recognize alphabet letters
Retell stories and experiences in sequence
Identify beginning sounds of words
Recognize high frequency words
Experience a wide variety of literature
Write upper and lower case manuscript
Write first and last name in sequence
Dictate sentences
Encourage use of developmental or inventive writing to express ideas
Take turns in conversing and avoid interruptions
Use oral language appropriate for situations
Identify rhyming words
Follow oral directions
Recognize the relationship between spoken and written language

Science

Understand living and non-living objects
Distinguish characteristics of the four seasons
Observe life cycles of plants and animals
Distinguish characteristics of the five senses
Demonstrate an awareness of the effect of ecology and environment
Participate in science activities
Discuss observations
Classify objects into groups based on observations
Participate in simple science experiments

Social Studies

Respect those in a position of authority
Recognize rules and why they are needed
Memorize the Pledge of Allegiance
Recognize flag as the symbol of our country
Recognize money is used to purchase goods
Recognize the significances of celebrated historical and Christian holidays
Understand that cooperation is needed to effectively work and play with others
Recognize family roles and that each family is unique

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTINUED

Recall name, address, and phone number
Recognize maps represent places
Use the globe as a model for earth
Use directional words and phrases
Identify various landforms
Discuss career choices

Computer Technology

Identify computer hardware components
Increase familiarity of keyboard
Develop coordination skills with mouse
Introduce computer vocabulary
Introduction to Internet in connection
with curriculum

Music

Participate in group singing
Learn rhythmic skills
Explore loud and soft; high and low
Movement games to music
Play a variety of musical instruments
Listen to a wide variety of musical styles

Art

Create with a variety of materials
Practice different techniques and methods
using a variety of tools
Appreciate own work and that of others
Discuss art as a form of self-expression

Physical Development and Health

Identify and locate major body parts
Understand the functions of basic body parts
Recognize importance of exercise to good
health
Participate in developmentally appropriate
motor activities
Develop healthy habits that contribute
to prevention of illness
Practice safety concepts and precautions
Demonstrate locomotor and non-locomotor
movements
Demonstrate manipulative abilities:
throwing, etc.
Learn basic sport and safety rules

Peaceable School Program

Participate in weekly class meetings
Identify terms used in peacemaking
Recognize and use conflict resolution

Service Learning

Participate in class service project
Collecting various items throughout the
Year for the needy

Extra-Curricular Enhancement

Participate in a group Science Fair project
(every other year)
Develop a Fine Arts Fair Project*
(every other year) *- Optional Participation
Piano/other instrument lessons offered
at Trinity through Allegro Music
for an additional fee

This is an overview and not an exhaustive list of the concepts covered throughout the school year. If you have any question regarding our curriculum, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Trinity's principal at 708.839.1444.