

# 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.*