

**OUR REDEEMER** lutheran

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

Matthew 19:14





## Welcome

At Our Redeemer Lutheran School, we want every student and family to experience a life change through Christ.

Your children are a gift from God and we want their first learning experience to be a special one. At Our Redeemer, Jesus is the focus of our play, social relationships and academics, cultivating a deep-rooted foundation for character growth, creativity, wonder and independent thought.

Children learn where they are loved. Our Redeemer's Early Education program promotes academic and social readiness, allowing our youngest students to grow and thrive at their own pace. We offer a variety of half-day and full-day options for all of our early learners.

## Schedule Offerings

### 3K

#### Half Day

Tu/Wed/Th

8:30 - 11:00 am

M/Tu/W/Th/F

8:30 - 11:00 am

#### Full Day

M/Tu/W/Th/F

8:30 - 3:30 pm

### 4K

#### Half Day

M/Tu/W/Th/F

8:30 - 11:00 am

#### Full Day

M/Tu/W/Th/F

8:30 - 3:30 pm

### 5K

#### Half Day

M/Tu/W/Th/F

8:30 - 11:00 am

#### Full Day

M/Tu/W/Th/F

8:30 - 3:30 pm

Our afternoon 3K and 4K students combine for afternoon instruction and play.

# 3K & 4K Curriculum

## JESUS TIME

During daily Jesus time and weekly chapel, students learn that Jesus loves and cares for us! Through Scripture, our littlest learners explore virtues like responsibility, integrity, generosity, respect, courage, and cooperation.

## MATH

Through number concepts, shapes, patterns, critical thinking skills, puzzles, sequencing, sorting and grouping, and more, our students experience an excitement for math through games and activities.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Language development is key as your children learn to speak, understand language, and communicate. We use books to foster a passion for hearing and telling stories and learn concepts through opinion writing, rhyming words and sight words.

## TECHNOLOGY

Hands-on learning is most important for very young learners, however, incorporating technology as a tool to support learning is very useful. We use technology to go on virtual field trips, to move and learn, and to listen to our favorite music!

## SOCIAL STUDIES

We love exploring our environment, cultures, and community. Our students are taught how to be good to our earth, to be a kind friend and neighbor, to feel safe, to make sure others feel safe, and to feel a sense of belonging.

## SCIENCE

In preschool, everything is new and exciting! Using hands-on exploration we learn how to wonder, ask questions, make guesses, test and observe, and come to conclusions. We explore God's creation in each season and concepts such as weather, force, magnetism, senses, health, and nutrition.

## ART

We believe every child is an artist in their own way, and we celebrate the process rather than the product. Students will learn about and explore different styles of art planned curriculum and free art, using oil pastels, watercolor, tempera paint, acrylic paint, and clay.

## MUSIC

Our students dance and sing their way through the day, practicing beat and rhythm through instruments and song. Students also share their gifts throughout the year at a variety of church services.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We know our students need to move! These kids aren't sitting in a desk all day, they're using their bodies in the classroom as well as in the gymnasium, playing cooperative games, making obstacle courses and practicing ball skills.

## SPANISH

While formal Spanish class doesn't begin until Kindergarten, preschoolers are introduced to the concept of different languages in preschool. We learn to count in Spanish and incorporate Spanish vocabulary throughout different units.

# A Day in 3K/4K

Our students daily routines help teach responsibility and give them a predictable environment to grow and thrive.

## Half Day

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**Arrival:** Kids engage in activities that practice concepts, such as making shapes with playdough or hunting for letter sounds.

**Play:** Play is a priority as kids learn through creative, imaginative, cooperative or independent play.

**Morning Meeting:** Learning time begins with calendar, weather, sound circle, and stories that relate to our unit.

**Bathroom break and snack:** Kids practice social skills while learning manners, mealtime prayers, self-help skills, and hygiene.

**Learning Rug:** We explore different units of study throughout the year, like Farm, Holidays, Animals, Senses, Community Helpers, Nutrition and more! We add units based on student and class interest in a topic.

### Music, Movement & Physical Education:

Children need time to move! We incorporate fun and learning into games, movement songs, and coordination activities.

**Jesus Time:** Every week we focus on a Bible story and a related virtue. We say good morning to God, sing Jesus songs, and do activities to reinforce the Bible lesson.

**Play:** Centers give kids choices during their free play time. Centers provide a platform for cooperation, problem-solving, compromise, communication and collaboration.

**Outside:** We love spending time in God's creation. We discover and explore God's artwork when we're playing on the playground, going for nature walks, or playing in the snow!

**Half-Day Dismissal:** Our half-day friends are picked up at 11:00.

## Full Day

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After our half-day friends are dismissed, the 3K and 4K afternoon students combine and start the rest of the day with lunch.

**Recess:** Either outside or in play centers, depending on weather

**Extension Activities:** We read, tell stories, do science experiments, play games, sing, dance, practice coordination, and much, much more.

**Brain Break:** Research shows young children who rest mid-day retain what they learn MUCH longer than children who don't rest. Kids don't have to sleep, although many do. They lay down on their own cot, with their own blanket and snuggle buddy, and rest their brains and bodies for about 45 minutes.

**Snack and Play:** As children wake up from their brain break, they eat their snack, and are free to play quietly while their friends wake up slowly.

**End of Day:** We have a routine that signals the end of the day for our little ones, including prayer and a good-bye blessing song.

**Dismissal:** We end our day outside on the playground, weather permitting, and children are picked up at 3:30 or after-school-care is available for parents who need it.



# 5K Curriculum

## JESUS TIME

Students grow in their faith through the Old and New Testament stories. Daily prayer and devotion is incorporated as well as exploring different virtues, like responsibility, courage and self-sacrifice.

## MATH

Through the Saxon 1 Math program, students learn addition and subtraction math facts, shapes and patterning, time, money counting, comparing sets, and measuring length, weight, and capacity.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

We believe readers make leaders! Students enjoy books through author studies and practice comprehension skills to help them become strong readers. Our 5K students learn sight words and word families, resulting in 5K graduates moving on to 1st grade as readers.

## TECHNOLOGY

Since technology is an integral part of today's society, our students learn how to navigate educational websites and use online resources to compliment their learning.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

To explore the world around us and the people who came before us, our students cover topics such as families, how to be a good citizen, community helpers, the first Thanksgiving, American symbols, needs and wants, maps, and other seasonal units.

## SCIENCE

We love discovering the science behind God's creation. Students learn about plant and animal needs, earth and weather, states of matter and light, space and machines, senses and forces and other STEM-related topics through instructional and hands-on learning.

## ART

Kids love expressing themselves through art, so we offer art across multiple subject areas. Students explore a variety of mediums such as watercolor paints, tempera paint, chalk, and oil pastels.

## MUSIC

Music is incorporated into many daily activities and students meet for special music enrichment class twice a week. They discover music concepts such as rhythm and listening through different instruments and games.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We understand that kids are not made to sit still. We incorporate movement throughout the day and work on fine and large motor skills through a variety of activities, games, and fitness movements.

## SPANISH

5K students receive twice weekly Spanish enrichment classes with an introduction to the Spanish language through books and songs. They learn basic Spanish vocabulary words as well as greetings and useful sayings.

# A Day in 5K

Students in kindergarten learn through a variety of different instruction models throughout the day. Whole group instruction, small group instruction, one on one instruction, play-based learning and hands-on learning are incorporated in the classroom daily.

The morning is our main learning time where most of the subject areas are taught to ensure that half day students receive meaningful education. In the afternoon, we extend our learning in different subject areas by learning about different authors through author studies and seasonal units.

We also break into learning centers and we have guided reading groups. Students will receive Christ-centered instruction as they learn across all subject areas and have opportunities to learn social skills through playing with each other both in the classroom and outside at recess times.

A weekly 5K Schedule may look something like this!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Math Meeting				
8:45	Word Work	PE	Word Work	PE	Word Work
9:00		8:45-9:15	Art	8:45-9:15	
9:15		Word Work		Word Work	
9:30	Language Arts				
9:45					
10:00	BYO Snack				
10:15	Jesus Time	Jesus Time	Chapel	Jesus Time	Jesus Time
10:30					
10:45	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:00					
11:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:30	11:20-12:00	11:20-12:00	11:20-12:00	11:20-12:00	11:20-12:00
11:45					
12:00	Read to Self/Read Aloud				
12:15	12:00-12:30	12:00-12:30	12:00-12:30	12:00-12:30	12:00-12:30
12:30	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
12:45	12:30-1:00	12:30-1:00	12:30-1:00	12:30-1:00	12:30-1:00
1:00	Guided Reading	Spanish	Guided Reading	Spanish	Chromebooks
1:15		1-1:30		1-1:30	
1:30	Social Studies/Science				
1:45					
2:00	Centers	Centers	Centers	Centers	Centers
2:15					
2:30					
2:45	BYO Snack/Pack Up				
3:00	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
3:15	3-3:20	3-3:20	3-3:20	3-3:20	3-3:20
3:30	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

