

Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Curriculum Overview

Grade 1



Kindergarten – 6th Grade Curriculum

Our goal at Illinois Lutheran is to educate the whole student academically, spiritually and physically. It is our privilege to currently have over 140 students enrolled in our preschool through 6th grade classes. For nearly a century we have provided Christ-centered education for children of the south Chicago suburbs, serving as an extension of the home and a partner with the church in providing Christian education.

Elementary Academics

As a Lutheran school, our goal is to proclaim, teach, and apply faithfully the Word of God in all courses of instruction in keeping with the Holy Scriptures. In doing so, we strive to meet or exceed guidelines provided by the State of Illinois and the Wisconsin

Our Mission

Illinois Lutheran Schools provides a quality, Christian education to students of the Church and community and the world by nurturing and reaching souls for time and eternity.

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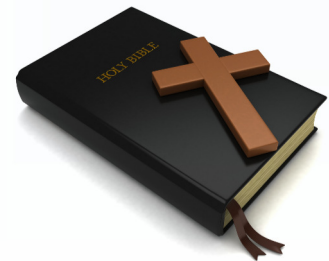
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Religion/Word of God

ChristLight

- Christ-Light studies the major stories of the Bible in chronological order. The study alternates between Old and New Testament stories. Applying the lessons of these stories to the lives of the students is a very important part of this class.
- The study of Christian hymns and memory treasures (selected Bible passages) are also part of this class.



Reading & Language Arts

In First Grade we work together to establish a foundation of reading skills which includes phonics, comprehension, vocabulary strategies, and study skills.

To teach these skills, a variety of fiction and non-fiction selections are used. Leveled books are also used to meet individual needs. Spelling/vocabulary from the reading selections help students increase their vocabulary and reading fluency.



Phonics

- A study of consonants, short and long vowels, consonant blends, endings, digraphs, and contractions.

Handwriting

- Legibly printing all upper and lower case letters as well as numerals 0-20.

Writing Conventions

- Use regular plural nouns by correctly adding /s/ or /es/.
- Use simple punctuation in writing.
- Properly capitalize proper nouns and words at the beginning of sentences.

Social Studies

Social Studies allows us to look at the world around us and learn about the people and places that make it up. In First Grade we study:

- General society rules and laws.
- Where people live
- Our country and our changing world.
- Highlights also include map and globe work.



Mathematics

Saxon Math

Saxon Math is used throughout Illinois Lutheran Elementary School. Highlights of the Grade 1 curriculum include:

- Working with numbers to 100.
- Learning basic facts.
- Graphing.
- Place value.
- Adding and subtracting two digit numbers (no regrouping).
- Telling time.
- Skip counting.
- Counting coins.
- Calendar work.



Science and Health

Our First Grade science curriculum focuses on life science and earth science. Highlights include:

- The study of plants and animals.
- Planets, weather, & seasons.
- Earth's resources and taking care of the earth.



Fine Arts

Music

- Our Grade 1 students experience musical performance and the introduction of basic musicianship skills.
- In Grade 1 we also use music to praise our Lord, release energy, and as a tool for memorizing Memory Treasures and other concepts in various classes.

Art

- Grade 1 students explore a variety of mediums as they study line, shape, and color, creating various projects.



Technology

Our First Grade students have access to computers and tablets. With them we learn:

- Different parts of the computer and proper computer lab protocol.
- Basic command keys on the computer keyboard and understand their uses.
- Basic productivity software
- Simple and effective Internet browsing using teacher-selected websites

Physical Education

The physical education class for Grade 1 focuses on movement, coordination, spatial awareness, teamwork and sportsmanship through various activities and organized games.