

# Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Curriculum Overview

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## Kindergarten

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## 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

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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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## Religion/Word of God

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### ChristLight

- Christ-Light is a study of the major stories of the Bible in chronological order.
- Each year, we alternate between Old and New Testament stories.
- Applying the spiritual truth to their lives is a key component.
- Memory Treasures, which are verses from Scripture., are memorized by the students to reinforce Biblical truths.



## Reading & Language Arts

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In Kindergarten, we build the foundation for reading success by focusing on their reading readiness skills. Our lessons reinforce:

- Phonemic awareness.
- Shared reading.
- The alphabet.



Beginning reading concepts.

- Blending sounds to make words.
- Writing the letters.
- Identifying words, sentences and basic punctuation marks.
- Building comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Writing Conventions

- Create regular plural nouns
- Capitalization
- Use of basic nouns, verbs, and pronouns .

## Social Studies

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Social Studies allows us to look at the world around us and learn about the people and places that make it up. We study general Social Studies concepts like:

- Looking at maps and globes.
- Understanding where we live.
- Learning about family history and American holidays.
- We also place an emphasis on being good citizens and workers in our communities.



## Mathematics

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### Saxon Math

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

- Identifying the numbers to 100, patterns, shapes, money, and parts of a calendar.
- Learning to solve basic story problems using manipulatives.
- Learning to tell time to the hour
- Recording data.
- Classifying and categorizing information.
- Comparing temperature.
- Learning and using various forms of measurement.



## Science and Health

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Our science curriculum sets up the basis for our future science classes. We study:

Life Science Topics:

- Using our five senses to discover the world around us
- Studying plant and animal life.

Earth Science Topics:

- Learning how to take care of the earth.
- Seasons and weather we experience.



## Fine Arts

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In Kindergarten we use music to praise our Lord, release energy, and as a tool for memorizing Memory Treasures and other concepts in various classes. We explore:

- The basics of music through the use of recordings, classroom instruments, and movement.



In art we learn to enjoy various forms of art using the elements of art such as line, shape, color and texture.

- We build on their abilities to be creative and express themselves.

## Technology

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

- To appreciate and value technology as a gift of God.
- To use technology as a tool in spreading God's word.
- God-pleasing and respectable uses of technology.

## Physical Education

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In physical education class we strive to acquire basic physical fitness skills and coordination of our gross motor skills through fundamental movement and games.

We also play age-appropriate games both outside, in the gymnasium, and in the classroom.