

# 2 Pre-K Program



*“My mission is to help very young students to believe that they are **important, valued, and loved**; not only by those they interact with in the classroom, but most importantly by Jesus. A safe and positive classroom environment allows children to experience learning, develop confidence, and establish friendships. 2K students are introduced to early concepts through theme-based group and individual experiences. Daily opportunities for guidance and learning are also child-driven, as they experiment, explore, and ask questions about God’s world.” Mrs. Schumacher*

## **PURPOSE OF 2 PRE-K PROGRAM**

The purpose of St. Paul Lutheran Pre-Kindergarten is to provide a Christ-centered learning environment in which children and their families can hear the good news of Jesus and grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically.

## **SCIENCE**

Opportunities are provided to explore and discover God’s creation through:

- ◆ Experimenting
- ◆ Observing
- ◆ Cause and effect

## **SOCIAL INTERACTION AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION**

Small group, large group, and independent creative play are incorporated into each class time, giving children a variety of learning experiences to help guide them to:

- ◆ Separate from parents and interact with peers in a positive way
- ◆ Practice listening skills, sharing, class routines and self-help skills

## **GROSS AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS**

Opportunities and materials are provided to:

- ◆ Develop and strengthen hand-eye coordination
- ◆ Introduce and strengthen manipulation skills of drawing, painting, scissors and other art tools
- ◆ Weekly gross motor activities in our gymnasium enhance the child’s coordination, agility, strength and balance. A variety of materials such as beanbags, streamers, balls, parachutes and music are used.

## **LITERACY**

Basic literacy skills and a love of reading are developed through activities including:

- ◆ Group stories, poems, and songs at circle time
- ◆ Practicing the letters in their names
- ◆ Exposure to a variety of literature
- ◆ School library opportunities later in the year, including story time activities and checking out books

## **MATH**

Skills are developed and guided as children work on sizes, shapes, colors, counting to ten, and sorting objects.

## **JESUS TIME**

“Hands on Bible Curriculum” by Group is the curriculum used daily. Through these lessons we:

- ◆ Know God created everything
- ◆ Know the Bible is God’s Word
- ◆ Know Jesus is God’s Son, our Savior who died and rose for us
- ◆ Know that daily prayer is important communication with God
- ◆ Learn godly character through stories, daily experiences and song

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