



Kindergarten

Learning with a
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purpose

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Holy Cross Lutheran School

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I want to provide a loving, nurturing environment where children can be successful and begin a life-long "love for learning". My prayer is that the kindergartners will grow this year in their knowledge of and love for their Savior, Jesus Christ!

In 1984, I earned a BS degree from Concordia University, Seward, NE and a ESOL Endorsement, Spring 2013. My experiences include teaching in Lutheran schools: Grade 1 at St. John in Merrill, WI; Grade 2 at St. Paul in Rockford, IL; and Kindergarten at St. John in Ellisville, MO. Most recently, I was an ESOL teacher for grades K,1,2 at Minneha, Core Knowledge Magnet School.

My husband, Rev. Scott Snow, and I have three children. Becca (at Concordia University), Josh (at K-State), and Beth (at Andover Central). My hobbies include singing in the choir and playing the organ.

My favorite verse is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5,6

SUMMARY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS

In relationship to God

- ◇ The student grows in the grace and knowledge of the Triune God,
- ◇ The student is taught to live a Christian life through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that he/she has the assurance of eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and
- ◇ The student gains knowledge of the Bible and its contents.

In relationship to self, others, and community

- ◇ The student will develop a positive self-image, and
- ◇ The student will develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for living a productive Christian life as a responsible member of his/her church, community, and world.

In relationship to intellectual development

- ◇ The student will develop academic talents and skills to the fullest extent of his/her ability,
- ◇ The student will develop positive attitudes toward learning, and
- ◇ The student shall be exposed to cultural activities, fine arts, and various types of music through classroom study, exhibits, direct participation, and field trips.

Kindergarten Curriculum Overview

Biblical Studies

In religion time, the kindergartners hear, retell, and act out Bible stories, pray, sing songs and make crafts. They will grow in their knowledge of God, our Heavenly Father and of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Language Arts

The kindergarten language arts program is Saxon. It provides a strong phonic-base for Reading readiness. It focuses on letter recognition, letter formation, letter sounds, blending, sight word recognition and small group reading.

Our Daily Five Literacy Centers provide differentiated stations for: word formation work, listening to books/CDs, writing to a theme, independent and small group reading. Children develop at their own pace and "stretch their stamina" at these activities throughout the school year.

Mathematics

Math for the kindergartner is the world of investigation and problem-solving. It is establishing concepts of numbers, and operations, patterns, counting, comparing and sorting. By manipulating objects, students apply various learning strategies to solve problems of numbers, relationships, time, order, direction, and quantity. They will develop a strong foundation to begin adding and subtracting numbers up to ten. With the activities geared to the student's level of readiness, they are introduced to the concepts of algebra, geometry, measurements, data analysis and probability. *Saxon Math* curriculum is used.

Social Studies

"Around the World in 180 Days" is our curriculum. Our kindergartners "travel" to a new country each week. They learn geography, "new" languages, landmarks, make recipes and are introduced to many guests who will share slides and souvenirs from different cultures.

Science

A hands-on curriculum where units studied include: apples, birds, pumpkins, growing plants, insects and their life cycles, seasons and weather. Field trips are taken as extensions of our learning.

Art

The kindergartners enjoy using and learning from different art mediums. They are given opportunities for creativity, free expression and fun!

Music

Singing happens daily as part of our Religion class, and weekly in choir. Here the children will explore rhythm, musical expression, games and instruments.

Computers

Through the use of our classroom SMARTboard, weekly computer time and center time on School iPads, the kindergartners are given opportunities to expand their understanding of technology

Outreach

At Holy Cross Lutheran School all of the students are given opportunities for outreach in the community. At various times throughout the year help is provided to welfare organizations, mission projects, and people in need.