



## Zion Lutheran School Kindergarten Overview

**Religion:** Voyages: Exploring God's Word curriculum emphasizes Jesus' love for each student. This focus incorporates God's love for us as shown in His plan for our salvation. The Bible stories are enhanced through chapel worship, songs, puppets, books, and finger plays. Prayer and sharing from God's Word are intertwined throughout the day.

**Reading:** Scott Foresman: Reading concepts and activities. Letter identification, sounds awareness, and three-letter word recognition.

**Language Arts:** Shurley English uses a variety of literature, jingles, and games to teach concepts of language.

**Phonics:** Jolly Phonics fosters strong use of physical and verbal senses for phonemic awareness. Modern Curriculum Press readers and easy-to-read classroom books.

**Writing:** Handwriting Without Tears incorporates manipulatives, letter recognition, and songs to enhance awareness of letters and shapes.

**Mathematics:** Houghton-Mifflin curriculum focuses on solving problems using everyday experiences. Hands-on manipulatives and learning games enhance the key concepts of numeration (counting), measurement, shapes, operations and functions, estimating, graphing, time, money, and data organization.

**Science:** This curriculum promotes awareness of the physical, environmental, and life sciences. Units include: Your Senses, Flowers, Weather, Your World, and Health.

**Art/Music/Physical Education:** These areas of learning promote the child's awareness of cultural and aesthetic value in the fine arts as well as development of fine and gross motor skills.

**Computer:** Students reinforce basic math and reading skills using a variety of educational software. Students practice mouse control and begin using the keyboard.

**Cultural Experiences:** Students go on field trips related to units and learning activities in class.