



Let the little children
come to me....

LUKE 18:16

Goals and Objectives of Trinity Lutheran Preschool

It is the mission of Trinity Lutheran Preschool to teach young children and their families about God's love and His plan for salvation, to guide them in applying their faith to life, to direct them in sharing that faith with others, and to provide them with spiritual and educational support.

Although parents are given the primary responsibility for the training of their children, the church is to assist parents in their God-given directive to train their children in the knowledge and instruction of the Lord. Complete cooperation between the home and church is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the children.

The following specific processes and activities are included in the curriculum:

Spiritual Growth includes:

1. Recognizing our sin and the Lord's forgiveness.
2. Knowing that our Lord loves and protects us.
3. Believing and trusting Jesus as our Savior from sin.
4. Knowing God the Father as our loving protector.
5. Believing in heaven.
6. Learning that Christ's love motivates us to live as the Lord expects – recognizing right from wrong.
7. Learning to show our love for Jesus through prayer and by our daily life.
8. Realizing that the good news of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection is a message to be shared with all people.

Mental Growth includes:

1. Developing a sense of time.
2. Increasing attention span.
3. Beginning deductive thinking.
4. Learning simple organizational skills.
5. Developing reasoning and problem solving skills.
6. Becoming aware of mathematical concepts.

Social Growth includes:

1. Learning independence.
2. Accepting compromises.
3. Learning to share.
4. Learning to take turns.
5. Assuming responsibility for care of self and possessions.
6. Recognizing how one's behavior affects others.
7. Showing respect to others.
8. Learning communication skills.
9. Developing an awareness of the behavior and roles of Christian boys and girls.

Physical Growth includes:

1. Developing large and small muscle coordination.
2. Caring for one's own physical needs – eating, dressing, and personal hygiene.

Emotional Growth includes:

1. Learning appropriate ways to respond to others' feelings.
2. Learning appropriate ways to express our feelings.

Every child is an individual and will be allowed to progress from one developmental stage to another at his own pace. It is very important that a variety of learning tools be available in order to meet the child's developmental needs at every given stage.

Through dramatic play, sharing, finger plays, story time, and puppetry, children will improve their language and listening skills. Drawing and even scribbling will develop pre-writing skills. Tearing paper (and later cutting with scissors) will develop fine motor skills. Enjoyable class activities will increase recognition of shapes, colors, letters, and numbers.

Art:

The children will participate in age-appropriate art and craft activities each session. A variety of materials will be available to allow self-expression and enjoyment of the art process, not just the "end product."

Music:

Children will use their gift of voice to sing praise to God their Creator and to sing songs for fun. Simple musical instruments increase awareness of rhythm and encourage participation. Recorded music will be used to create a pleasant environment and accompany physical activities.

Science:

We will use materials such as sand, water, clay, and rice introduce concepts such as volume, weight, and gravity. The children will learn the wonders of God's creation through simple activities geared toward the interests and abilities of young children.

Field Trips:

Field trips are also part of our curriculum. Each field trip will correlate to the concepts being learned at that time and is taken in order to expand the child's knowledge and awareness of the world around him.

Guests and Visitors:

From time to time, people from our community may be invited to share their special talents and abilities with the children.

Play:

Last, but not least, play is perhaps the most important tool of all! It is vital to every child's development. Children need an environment in which they can play **happily and safely**. Equipment and toys will be available to foster growth and development of both large and small muscle groups. Children will be given opportunities for supervised indoor and/or outdoor play at every session.

In closing, we would like to recognize
that **YOU** are the most
important teacher your child has.

We will strive to keep you advised
of classroom activities so that
you can reinforce and expand the ideas
and activities being presented to your child
at Trinity Lutheran Preschool.