**TK CURRICULUM**

**Concordia’s TK curriculum incorporates the California state learning standards for Kindergarten. Skills are introduced and reinforced with daily instruction and seatwork. Emphasis is on preparing the TK student exceptionally well for the rigors of Kindergarten.**

**Learning continues throughout the day as children spend time exploring and experimenting through classroom centers, through play and socialization.**

**Concordia classroom curriculum also contains a daily religion component that teaches stories from the Bible and age-appropriate values from a Christian perspective.**

**Language Arts Curriculum Highlights**

Follow one & two step directions

Recognize/name/write upper and lower-case letters

Write first and last name with initial letter capitalization

Use descriptive words

Speak in complete sentences

Illustrate own oral story

Recognize and name rhyming words

Count word syllables

Identify beginning sounds in words

Identify middle sounds in words

Identify ending sounds in words

Introduction to CVC words

Introduction to letter blends

List words according to a theme (transportation, animals, etc.)

Listen to and discuss children’s literature

**Mathematics Curriculum Highlights**

Rote count to 30

Count objects to 30

Recognize, write numbers to 20

Use greater than, less than, equal

Identify, characterize 2D shapes

Identify 3D shapes

Differentiate between 2D and 3D shapes

Describe an object as below, beside, in front of, behind, next to

Perform addition using drawings/ten frames/number lines

Perform subtraction using drawings/ten frames/number lines

Measure by length/weight/capacity

Read/participate in creating graphs

Categorize and sort a group of objects

Name and create patterns

Count by 5s/count by 10s

Tell time to hour, half hour

Name coins: penny, nickel, dime, quarter

Name value of penny, nickel, dime, quarter

**Science Curriculum Themes**

Calendar – day, week, month, year

Weather

Anatomy

Seasons – Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

Five Senses

Apple comparison

Food and Nutrition

Earth Day

Plants/nature

Animals/pets

Hot/cold

Dental health

Textures

Magnets

Floating/sinking

**Social Studies Curriculum Themes**

All about me

Family

Classroom rules

Being a good citizen

My community

Community helpers

Holidays: Halloween, Christmas, New Year, Valentine’s Day, Easter, Mother’s Day

Historical heroes

Black History Month

Women’s history

Friendship

National and state symbols

Traffic symbols

Map symbols

History

Days of the week/months of the year

Reading maps

Past vs. present

**Art Curriculum Skills**

Using scissors

Painting

Drawing

Sculpting with Playdough

Coloring

Gluing

Mixing colors

Texture

Collage

**Music Curriculum Skills**

Clapping in rhythm

Singing/matching pitch

Naming musical instruments

Loud/soft

Dancing

Performing motions with songs

**Physical Education Skills**

Balls – bouncing, throwing, catching

Climbing

Balance beam

Hopping on one foot

Bean bag tossing, balancing

Jumping up, down, over

Exercises – yoga

Body parts/awareness

Health and safety

**Jesus Time**

We want preschoolers to take a first look at who God is and understand these three BIG TRUTHS:

God made me.

God loves me.

Jesus is my friend forever.

We reinforce these truths each week in the classroom with stories from the Bible and a weekly chapel time. Bible stories taught include, but are not limited to, the following.

Creation

Bible patriarchs (Moses, Joseph, David)

The Ten Commandments

The Birth of Jesus

The Miracles of Jesus

The Lord’s Prayer

The Death and Resurrection of Jesus