



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool

"Learning Together Through Love"



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OUR CURRICULUM

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool has been developing preschoolers for kindergarten since 1971. Mt. Calvary's curriculum is rich in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math), hands on activities to encourage exploration, discovery, and creativity.

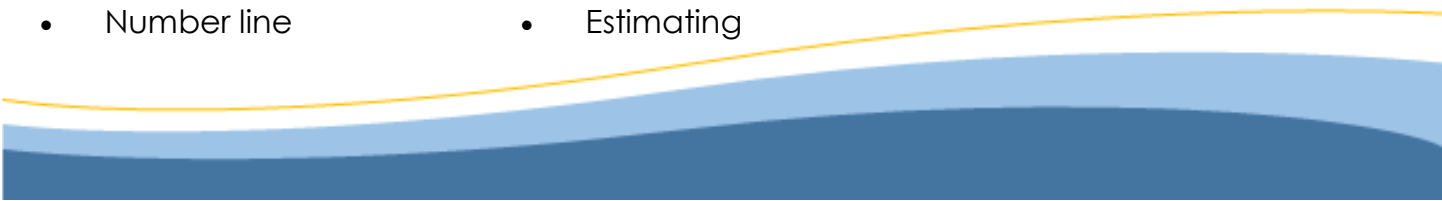
In keeping with our objectives, we strive to aid your child in developing skills that they will utilize throughout their life. **The skills we teach include:**

- Following directions
- Love of learning
- Completing a project
- Waiting your turn
- Being Polite
- Observing skills
- The thrill of success
- Using your imagination
- Having moral values
- Having self esteem

As we teach these skills to your child, we have incorporated the following methods into our curriculum to prepare students for **reading readiness:**

- Labeling
- Daily story time and finger plays
- Bookshelf filled with books
- Game table center-play letter matching games
- Rhyming games
- Creating class books (example: "When I grow up, I want to be ___" The child draws the response while the teacher writes the words.

In order to **develop math readiness**, we utilize the following to increase the student's awareness and understanding of numbers:

- Graphing – understanding the concept of more than/less than, comparing, counting, addition, subtraction, number recognition
 - Sorting & classifying
 - Patterning
 - Number line
 - Weighing & measuring
 - Math table games
 - Estimating
 - Various hands on math activities
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In the 4 year old class, **science** is incorporated into the curriculum with the use of:

- Experiments such as magnets, volcanoes, etc.
- The concept of sink and float
- Dissolving
- Color mixing

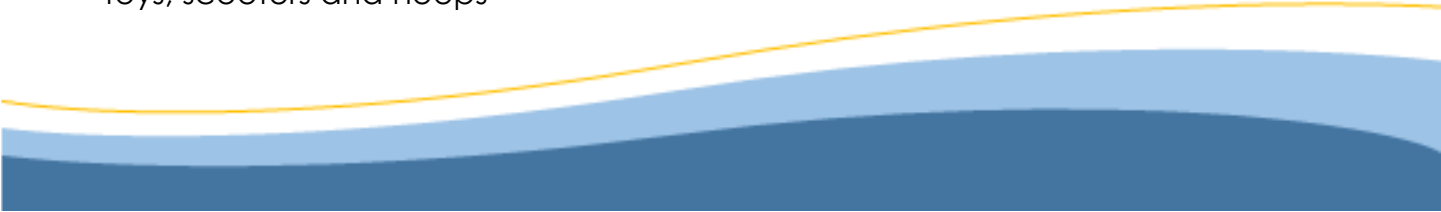
The students will also use **observation and classification** to discover the world of science. Examples of this include the exploration of:


- Different tastes and smells
- The weather chart
- Watching butterflies hatch

The goal of our **art** curriculum is to allow the child to express themselves using a variety of activities. Remember that the “process is worth more than the product.” Our creative activities include:

- Painting using various “brushes” such as cars, fingers, string, sponges and eye droppers
- Class projects such as a box sculpture, murals and piñatas
- Sculptures
- Easel painting
- Drawing with markers, crayons and chalk
- Cutting
- Gluing

We develop **large motor skills** by using the student’s large muscles

- Creative movement activities such as “move like tree branches,” “move like an animal”
 - movement activities to music
 - Large motor room during free time
 - Using equipment such as bean bags, parachutes, balance beam, riding and climbing toys, scooters and hoops
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All of these methods will be incorporated in all of the units which we cover during the school year. The following are the **standard units** which we study.

- Names
- Self-image
- The five senses
- Colors
- Plants
- Shapes
- Numbers
- Magnets
- Space
- Dinosaurs
- Neighborhood
- Water
- Animals
- Weather
- Apples
- Safety
- Pockets
- Bugs

Our **Holiday Emphasis** will be on:

- Christmas – birthday of Jesus
- Valentine's Day – show love to our family and friends
- Easter – Christ's resurrection

Helping children learn about Jesus is the heart and center of our preschool. As such, we take time throughout the year to teach the following aspects of **religious** curriculum.

- Daily devotions
 - Table prayers
 - Dismissal prayers
 - Jesus songs
 - Monthly Bible verse
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