

A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener



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All students at St. Paul's Lutheran School benefit from our strong academic program, exciting enrichment classes, and authentic learning experiences. We use the Bible as our guide to help students see their place in this world and how God uses each of us to make it a better place.

This booklet will help you visualize what your child's day might look like in kindergarten. While each day brings different and engaging opportunities, we only have one goal, which is to help God's children grow to be energetic servant leaders for HIM through love, respect, and a commitment to excellence.

Our developmental approach to learning allows us to differentiate instruction to match each child's readiness level. For example, students who are more advanced in reading are offered instruction and opportunities for continued growth. Students who are not yet ready to read are provided with appropriate tools and instruction to build on their skill level and prepare them for reading when they are developmentally prepared.

We hope the following daily schedule helps you understand the full range of opportunities available to your child at St. Paul's Lutheran School!

Soli Deo Gloria

To God Be The Glory

Morning

Each day begins with morning work, which includes the morning meeting, Jesus time, and calendar time. Twice a week, the students will have choir practice. They also attend the weekly chapel service.

SNACK TIME

Snack time refuels the young minds and bodies and helps them to remain focused and engaged. Snacks, brought from home or purchased from the snack cart, are eaten in the classroom.



RECESS

Recess gets students outside and helps them be more attentive and productive in the classroom.

READING BUDDIES is a concept that pairs an upper grade class with a lower grade class for community reading time. This program allows the younger students to see what being articulate looks like as they have a peer model demonstrating reading skills. The older students develop social and emotional skills like patience and empathy as they work with their younger buddies.



READING

We use The Superkids Reading Program® for our reading curriculum. This program is a phonics-based comprehensive reading and language arts curriculum. The Superkids Reading Program® provides a clear sequential path of instruction that leads to reading mastery while it simultaneously teaches students to write and spell. Children are introduced to a group of characters who teach about letters, reading, and writing. It makes reading a fun and memorable experience for all of us.



MATH

In kindergarten, students build their foundational math skills through sorting, patterns, numerals, ordinal numbers, and learn algebraic and geometric skills through adding, subtracting, and fractions, and shapes and graphs. They will also learn about money, time, and management.



Our faith in God is not limited to daily Bible lessons at St. Paul's Lutheran. Kindergarten students participate in weekly chapel services, where the entire student body comes together to worship God. Children who attend our school know that Jesus loves them so much that He died to forgive their sins, and He is making a place for them in heaven.

BIBLE

At St. Paul's Lutheran School, we are committed to teaching a Biblical worldview to all children. In our academic program, many opportunities arise to teach about such things as creation, civic responsibility, diversity, and moral living from a Biblical perspective.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Enrichment classes allow students to expand their horizons and discover their unique talents and passions early in life. Our kindergarteners participate in weekly lessons in music, art, and physical education. Once a week they visit the St. Paul's library and explore new titles and authors.

LUNCH

Kindergarten students love dining alongside their friends in the lunchroom, where teachers are always nearby to supervise and assist.



Afternoon

RECESS

It's time to hit the playground again. If it's raining or too cold, the students play in our gymnasium. While they may think they're just having fun, we know they're building social skills through imaginative play and conflict resolution.

STORY TIME

With all the fun the students have socializing and playing, story time helps their young brains change the focus back to learning.

SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Hands-on lessons in science open up a whole new world for kindergarten students. As they explore the beauty and diversity in God's creation, they learn to make observations and develop analytical skills. In social studies, they learn about communities, community helpers who serve and protect us, and their responsibilities as good citizens.



CENTERS/PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

There are no limits to what students can learn through afternoon centers. During this time, students work in small groups and gain exposure to all subject areas. They might write a story, work on a puzzle, perform a skit, or build an incredible creation with blocks.



Project-Based Learning

With project-based learning, the teacher focuses on a theme for one or two weeks and does a unit study on that topic. This topic is integrated into all subjects through hands-on projects and learning. The students show what they learn as they go through the unit.

RECESS

After centers/project-based learning, the students enjoy their final recess of the day.

End of
Day



As the day winds down, the students will work on crafts or write in their journal, they learn patience and valuable listening skills when they gather again to hear each child talk about the best part of their day.



DISMISSAL

After closing prayer, the students pack up and go to the gymnasium for final dismissal. Our staff ensure each student gets on the appropriate bus, is picked up by parents or known caregivers, or go to Extended Care, our after school program.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR SUCCESS IN KINDERGARTEN

The following tips can help you work with your child and foster kindergarten readiness skills through everyday activities.



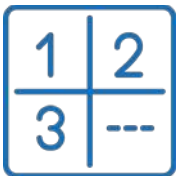
READ TO THEM

Make reading an everyday activity and explore a wide variety of titles and authors. As you read together, talk to your child about different letters and sounds.



INTRODUCE NEW VOCABULARY WORDS

Emphasize new words, offer synonyms in daily conversation, use descriptive words, and read aloud as often as possible.



PRACTICE COUNTING AND COMPARING

Count stairs at home, apples at the grocery store, birds in the sky – the options are endless. Discuss similarities and differences in the objects at hand.



PROVIDE SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Set up playdates or visit sites where children can socialize and engage in imaginative play with their peers. This helps children learn how to share, communicate their feelings, and consider the feelings of others.



EXPLORE GOD'S WORD

Set aside time each day to read Scripture with your child. Allow them to participate in activities such as Sunday School, VBS, and other church events where they will hear God's word.



PLAY OFTEN

Whenever possible, opt for physical play over screen time. Physical activity helps build stamina and fosters both fine and gross motor skills required for kindergarten class.

WHY ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

4K-8 CONTINUITY

At St. Paul's Lutheran School, students have the benefit of remaining in the same school from kindergarten to graduation. Our students remain part of a close-knit community and benefit from reinforced values throughout their education. Studies indicate that this seamless experience contributes to their success in academics and beyond.

AUTHENTIC FAITH INTEGRATION

Christian faith is fully integrated into every lesson and activity at St. Paul's. Our amazing teachers deliver a worldview-shaping curriculum that promotes the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual development of your child.



AFFORDABLE TUITION

We fully recognize that money does play a role in determining your child's education and that tuition is an investment. Our goal is that money will not stand in the way for qualified families.

RESOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND EXPERTISE

Students use the latest technology and benefit from differentiated instruction, which ultimately boosts outcomes and test scores. A rich student life is built into the St. Paul's experience with award-winning arts programs, a full scope of athletic offerings, and leadership programs.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

Schedule a tour to learn more about our
kindergarten program firsthand.

Contact Chris Hesse at 262-567-5001
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to schedule your tour.



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