

WELCOME  
to Our Savior

Early Childhood  
Center

Preschool

Kindergarten

Extended Care



# GOD'S VISION:

To seek and to save the lost (based on Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.")

# OUR MISSION:

To be a welcoming, equipping and sharing family of Christ.



## LAYING A FOUNDATION

We are an arm of the Lord's church established to assist parents in teaching their children about the love of Jesus Christ, that through the Holy Spirit, they may come to know Him as their Lord and Savior. Upon this foundation of faith, we strive to build a child's learning and faith life.



## EDUCATING MINDS

We utilize the abilities of teachers, parents, staff, and volunteers to present children with innovative and developmentally appropriate curriculum that challenges and motivates them in many areas, so that they learn to be independent -- to solve their own problems and do things for themselves.



## INSPIRING FAITH

Together with the church and parents, we teach children the importance and necessity of prayer, devotions, and daily study of God's Word, the Bible. We create an atmosphere of caring and sharing where children learn to respect one another while building necessary social skills that will enable them, with God's help, to attain success.



# Welcome to Our Savior

*This is an exciting time where children are eager to explore and grow their love for Jesus.*

*Our Savior Early Childhood Center / Preschool / Kindergarten / Extended Care offers a caring environment where children can thrive as they play and learn. We are committed to excellence and view each child as a special and unique gift of God. Our goal is to provide a caring environment that provides experiences for children to allow them to grow spiritually, physically, socially and intellectually. We strive for all children to grow in their faith in Christ and learn how they too can serve Christ, His church, and His world.*

*Our Savior programs are accredited by the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) - the gold star standard for early childhood programs across the country. Being accredited by these organizations means you can be confident that our programs deliver the highest quality care, education and faith formation.*

*Our Savior is a community of people who enjoy a place to have meaningful relationships, be encouraged, and learn more about God and His love for all people in Jesus Christ.*

*Blessings,*



Fred Limmel  
Director



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## SCHOOL COLORS

Gold and Black

## SCHOOL MASCOT

American Bald Eagle

## AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

Toddlers 7 to 1 ratio  
Preschool 10 to 1 ratio  
Extended Care 12 to 1 ratio

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

Yes, apply any time

## SATISFACTION

Nine in 10 families satisfied  
with overall OSS experience



# Overall Philosophy and Objectives

Our philosophy is to provide a Christ-centered care and learning environment that encourages the development of the whole child through creative and sensory play, discovery/learning centers and physical development.

## Objectives:

- *Work and play in a Christian atmosphere with other children.*
- *Be aware of the daily presence of Christ in their lives.*
- *Be themselves and develop at their own rate.*
- *Express themselves through art and play materials freely and constructively.*
- *Provide opportunities to develop large and fine motor skills.*
- *Learn to establish relationships with adults other than family.*
- *Learn developmentally appropriate limits of behavior.*
- *Build an atmosphere of caring and sharing, where children learn to respect one another, and build the necessary social skills that will enable them to attain success as useful and productive Christian citizens.*
- *Build feelings of self-esteem and security.*
- *Increase their ability to handle their emotions constructively.*
- *Learn respect for others' feelings and belongings.*
- *Enjoy experiences that will simplify adjustment to elementary school and other social situations.*
- *Provide a healthy environment, proper nutrition, rest, and physical exercise.*
- *Provide innovative and developmentally appropriate curriculum that challenges and motivates children in many areas (i.e. readiness skills in reading, math, language skills, science)*
- *Learn to be independent--to solve their own problems and do things for themselves.*





# Early Childhood Center

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# Preschool

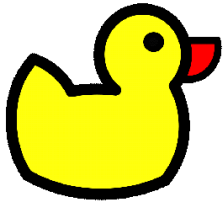


# Early Childhood Center and Preschool

*At every level of care children will experience a warm, responsive, and predictable environment that will foster positive relationships with adults and their peers. The love of Jesus will be the foundational piece to all these special relationships.*

## Ducky Room

(ages 24 months to 36 months)



Our Ducky Room is the perfect group for all those little ones 24 - 36 months old to explore, discover, and play. Parents will see their little ones gain social skills like sharing, personal confidence in self-help skills and grow in their knowledge of God's love for them.

## Lamb Room

(age 36 months through age 4)

**Preschool**



In the Lamb Room, children who are 3 or 4 years old begin to develop their understanding of reading, math and science concepts through many hands-on experiences as they explore, discover, and play together.

## Whale Room

(4 and 5 years)

**Prekindergarten**



Students who are 4 or 5 years old move into the Whale Room fully expecting to prepare themselves for entry into Kindergarten. Pre-readiness in reading, math, science, and technology skills are developed as they play, explore, and learn with their friends.



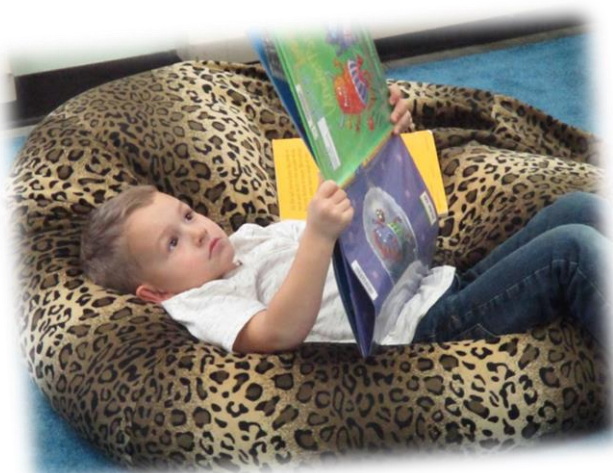
# What will your child learn?

## Spiritual Foundation

We have Bible Adventure Time to help children:

- be aware of the daily presence of Christ in their lives
- work and play in a Christian atmosphere with other children

The **One in Christ** early childhood curriculum from Concordia Publishing House guides our learning in every area of child development.



## Cognitive, Language and Literacy

Cognitive development introduces students to math, science, families and community.

Language and Literacy integrates reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Using **One in Christ**, children are provided:

- Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Readiness in:
  - ✓ Math
  - ✓ Science
  - ✓ Families and Community
  - ✓ Reading / Phonics
  - ✓ Language skills
  - ✓ Technology
- The skills to help them be independent, solve problems on their own and do things for themselves.



# What will your child learn?

## Social & Emotional Development

Children participate in discussions and play centers especially planned to help them:

- Develop a positive sense of self and who they are as one of God's children.
- Learn developmentally appropriate limits of behavior
- Learn respect for others' feelings and belongings
- Learn to establish relationships with adults other than family members
- Develop at their own pace, learning to be independent and solving problems on their own.



## Creative Expression

Planned activities help children express themselves freely and constructively through dramatic play, music, movement, and various art mediums.





# What will your child learn?

## Fine Motor Development

Children enhance their fine motor skills when playing with blocks, puzzles, scissors, play dough, clay, and multiple sensory table activities.



## Physical and Large Motor Development

Children are provided with:

- Opportunities to develop large motor skills through play activities in our gymnasium and playground equipment
- A healthy environment, rest, and physical exercise
- Healthy Snacks and NAEYC approved nutritious catered hot lunches



# What will your child learn?

## Spanish

Second language awareness and acquisition begins with the preschool children. Through the use of songs, games, and bilingual storybooks, students begin learning to follow Spanish directions and basic vocabulary that includes:

- numbers
- colors
- foods
- clothing
- parts of the body



## Music

Children are presented with wonderful opportunities to explore the process of creating music. Through the use of poems, rhymes, simple songs, movement, and Orff instruments, children explore steady beat, matching pitch, and simple music concepts like loud and soft, high and low. They have many opportunities to make a joyful noise to the Lord.



# Kindergarten Connection



Kindergarten Connection is a unique program offered at the pre-kindergarten level that gives students an opportunity to experience Kindergarten.

This program serves to help pre-kindergarten students make a seamless transition from a preschool setting into a Kindergarten setting.

Teachers create a fun experience where students are able to be with current Kindergarten students. This unique program allows children to discover Kindergarten through story time, learning centers & creative expression. The children really enjoy this learning and social play time with their Kindergarten friends.



Another wonderful benefit of this program for Whale Room pre-kindergarteners choosing to enroll at Our Savior is that they will experience a seamless transition into Kindergarten, as this child will already know and love their Kindergarten teacher.





# Kindergarten



# Kindergarten

*God's will is that parents be a guide for their child's life. Here at Our Savior we share in that responsibility with you. One element of the kindergarten program includes working closely with parents to encourage the child's spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth. We believe that children learn by doing.*

*Accredited through the national office for National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) and NAEYC, kindergarten at Our Savior engages students in a proven curriculum designed with the integration of technology and media. In addition to core curriculum, kindergarten students experience art, Spanish, music, physical education, technology skills, S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math).*





# What will your child learn?

## Social & Emotional Development

Activities and discussion times are planned to help children:

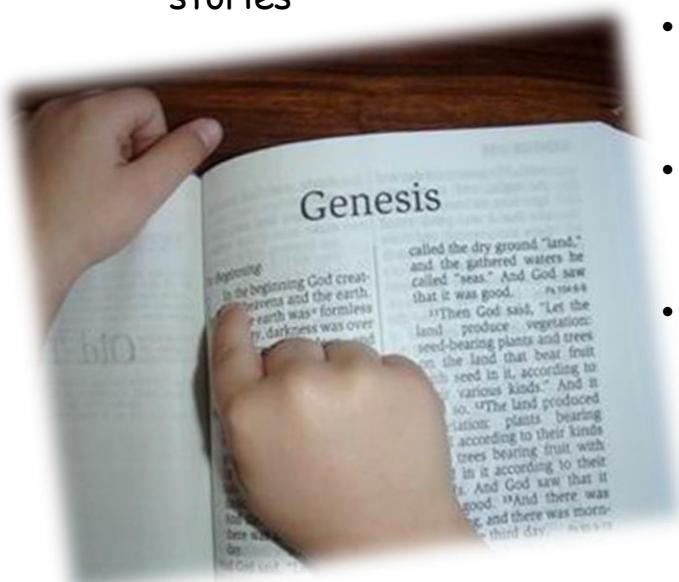
- Develop positive self-esteem
- Show independence and responsibility
- Speak in front of peers
- Channel emotions into appropriate outlets
- Adjust to group situations
- Learn to plan, work and communicate together



## Religion

Although we know that it is the Holy Spirit who works faith in hearts, we have Jesus Time to help children:

- Worship and praise God
- Learn about God their Father and His Son, Jesus through Bible stories
- Come to know Jesus as their Savior and best Friend who cares for them
- Express their growing faith in God by words and interactions with others
- Grow in awe and wonder of all God has created. Materials used in Kindergarten Jesus Time include One In Christ, Concordia Publishing House and the Holy Bible.





# What will your child learn?

## Language Arts

Our language arts program integrates reading, writing, speaking and listening. Our goals for the children include:



- Read and write the letters of the alphabet
- Develop phonetic awareness skills
- Recognize beginning and ending letter sounds
- Recognize rhyming words
- Segment words to hear each sound
- Blend sounds together to make words
- Learn to appreciate good literature and to love reading
- Have a beginning sight word vocabulary that they can read and write
- Listen, follow directions and express their own ideas through speaking and writing

## Spanish

Through the use of songs, games, and bilingual storybooks, students learn to follow Spanish directions and basic vocabulary that includes:

- numbers
- colors
- foods
- clothing
- parts of the body



# What will your child learn?

## Math

In Math, by the end of Kindergarten, students will:

- Count with understanding
- Sort, compare, and classify objects
- Use a variety of methods to measure objects
- Observe and create patterns
- Understand and compute by adding and subtracting
- Communicate mathematical ideas in a variety of ways
- Make predictions based on information given



## Science & Social Studies

In Science, Kindergarten students will:

- Grow in appreciation of God's creations
- Learn how God created us in His image and that we are all wonderfully made
- Learn about the world, their environment, and the people around them, as well as God's wonderful plan for us
- Accept and help people everywhere
- Learn about some of our country's leaders





# What will your child learn?

## Art

Art and Critical Thinking activities are offered that help children:

- Express their own ideas with a variety of media
- Learn to appreciate art as gifts from God



## Technology

Students meet weekly for technology instruction. Students are taught how to use their Chromebooks:

- Basics of how to use Chromebooks
- Math and Language Arts skill development
- Assessment tour





# What will your child learn?

## Music

Kindergarten is a fun time to be learning music. Through music, poetry, stories, movement, and rhythm instruments, students begin to explore the elements of music; rhythm, melody, and timbre. The children learn to use their large motor skills to play Orff instruments and dance simple dances. They sing and laugh often while learning to create music.



## Physical Education

Fitness is Fun! Students will participate in Physical Education five days a week:

- Students will explore Physical Education through both non-locomotor and locomotor movements and fitness activities
- Gross Motor skills will improve through the use of scooters, jump ropes, balls and the use of the parachute
- Manipulative skills will be practiced using bean-bags, juggling scarves and beach balls



# All the extras

Our students are enriched daily with experiences that go above and beyond our core curriculum. As part of our mission to be a welcoming, equipping, and sharing family of Christ, we strive to enhance our students' learning experience with a variety of opportunities that include, but are not limited to:

## Serving the Lord

Weekly Chapel Worship

Chapel Offerings

Christmas Program

Pennies for Patients

Adopt a Student

Spring Program



## Specials

Pumpkin Party

VIP Day

Pajama Day

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Beach Day

Hearts for Jesus

Mother's Day Tea

Dad and Me Day

Prekindergarten  
Graduation

Summer Specials



## Field Trips

Apple Orchard

Pumpkin Patch

Lowry Nature Center

TangleTown Farms

Firefighter (in-house  
visitor)

Plant Mobile (MN  
Landscape Arboretum)

Science Museum  
(in-house visitor)



# Extended Care



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*Extended Care (EC) is a before and after-school program offering flexibility and extended hours to fit your student's unique schedule. We offer a safe environment for your child and the convenience of bus service through the Minnetonka district to Excelsior and Minnewashta elementary schools. EC is designed to encourage healthy development by encouraging children to play, make new friends, explore outdoor activities and by providing much needed time for homework or quiet reading.*

**Hours:** 6:30 am - 6:00 pm Monday through Friday

**Contact:** Joe Aurich 952-474-5181 ext: 231  
Email: [joe.aurich@oslcs.org](mailto:joe.aurich@oslcs.org)

**Non-school Days:** EC is available to all students on non-school days. Please contact us to make these arrangements.

## **Cost:**

1st hour: \$5.50

2nd hour: \$5.50 = \$11.00

3rd hour: \$5.50 = \$16.50

4th hour: \$5.50 = \$22.00

5th hour: \$5.50 = \$27.50

More than 5 hours = \$31.50





# Extended Care Goals

## Social Goals

- *Encourage children to make positive decisions*
- *Encourage the use of good manners- both towards individuals and when eating at the table*
- *Encourage respectful attitudes toward adults and other children*
- *Encourage children to do things for themselves whenever possible*
- *Provide children with direction in helping them develop their social skills*
- *Provide rules that help guide their behavior*



## Intellectual Goals

- *Help with homework*
- *Summer reading program*
- *Computer activities*
- *Reading aloud / silently*
- *Games*
- *Crafts*
- *Videos / movies*
- *Drama / puppet shows*
- *Discovery play*
- *Dress up*



# Extended Care Goals

## Spiritual Goals

- *Grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior*
- *Reading from the Bible*
- *Leading devotions*
- *Praying*
- *Encouraging forgiveness, gentleness, kindness, patience and self-control*



## Physical Goals

- *Nutritional snacks*
- *Outdoor play*
- *Organized large motor activities*

## Emotional Goals

- *Listening ears*
- *Hugs*
- *Laughter*
- *Respect*







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