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OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL

where faith and learning meet

Our goal is to provide students a solid foundation of faith and academic excellence while respectfully collaborating with parents to raise Christian children who will thrive throughout life.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

- Infants 4:1 ratio
- Toddlers 7:1 ratio
- Preschool 10:1 ratio
- Extended Care 15:1 ratio

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Yes, apply anytime.



EARLY CHILDHOOD & PRESCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN (OPEN TO FALL 5'S)

EXTENDED CARE (K-GRADE 5)

SUMMER PROGRAMS



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OUR VISION

All will know and experience
God's Love.

OUR MISSION

To be a welcoming community,
rooted in scripture, growing in
faith and proclaiming Jesus is the
way.

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 expertise 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 can gain
independence and become
problem solvers.

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 social skills that
will enable them, with God's help, to
attain success.



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Welcome to Our Savior School!

I am excited to share with you a vision here at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School. Not only is education important in your child's development, but also relationships and connections with the staff and other children.

At Our Savior, we look to develop your child as a whole; emotionally, socially, physically, spiritually and academically. It is important to know a child on a personal level and how we can best support them in their early learning years.

As you consider a place for your child, I pray you take a close look at all Our Savior has to offer. From educators who are excited to engage your child in learning experiences, to educators who love, and are excited to share growth and development milestones with parents. We here at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School strive to partner with parents in the educational process.

Our Savior programs are accredited by the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA). Being accredited by this organization 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,

Lisa Johnson

PHILOSOPHY & OBJECTIVES

Student Objectives

- Learn & play in a Christian atmosphere with other children.
- Be aware of the daily presence of Christ in their lives.
- Be themselves & develop at their own rate.
- Express themselves freely through art & play.
- Develop large & fine motor skills.
- Establish relationships with adults & kids other than family.
- Learn developmentally appropriate limits of behavior.
- Learn to respect one another & build social skills.
- Build feelings of self-esteem & security.
- Increase their ability to handle their emotions constructively.
- Gain independence & develop problem solving skills.
- Develop readiness skills in core academic areas.
- Enjoy a healthy environment that provides proper nutrition, rest & physical exercise.

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.



EARLY CHILDHOOD & 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 of these special relationships.

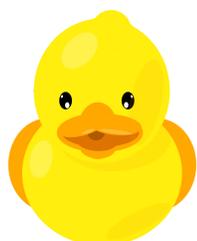


Early Childhood & Preschool Classes



KOALA ROOM 6 weeks - 16 months

Our Koala Room is the perfect space designed to lovingly care for and teach children in the beginning stages of their lives. Activities designed to build motor skills, beginning communication skills, and social interactions between children and teachers will be spaced around the sleep, eating and diapering needs of each child.



DUCKY ROOM 16 - 36 months

The Ducky Room is home to our toddlers/early preschoolers, allowing them to explore, discover, and play. Parents will see their children gain social skills like sharing, personal confidence in self-help skills, and grow in their knowledge of God's love for them.



LAMB ROOM 33 months - age 4

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 - 5 years

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

KOALA (INFANT) ROOM - 4:1 student to teacher ratio



SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION

Children will be introduced to songs such as "Jesus Loves Me", and talked to about Jesus' love. Caregivers will share Jesus' love through their interactions with the children and help them to grow in a safe, loving, Christian environment.

PHYSICAL GROWTH

Caregivers will introduce different physical skills as they become appropriate, encouraging children to explore large movements such as crawling and walking. They will also develop activities to work on small movements including times to work on hand-eye coordination and the pincer grasp.

INTELLECTUAL GROWTH

Children will have their intellectual needs met as caregivers introduce them to the world around them. Caregivers will begin concepts relating to colors, animals, shapes, and other ideas that come up throughout play activities.

EMOTIONAL GROWTH

Caregivers will provide the loving care needed to meet each child's emotional needs as children face separation anxiety and other needs throughout the day.

SOCIAL GROWTH

Caregivers will interact with the children to help develop the beginning of conversational skills. Sign language will be used to help children without words begin to communicate their needs.

DIAPERS

Diaper changes will happen every two hours or as needed for BMs or overly wet diapers.

FEEDING

Children who are only bottle feeding will be offered breast milk or formula every three hours when they are awake.

Children who have introduced baby food into their diet will be offered alternating bottles and solids every two hours when they are awake.

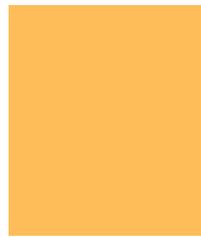
NAPS

Staff will move towards having at least two hours between naps, but children who are showing signs of being tired will be offered naps as needed.

As children grow closer to 16 months, their schedule will be moved towards that of the Ducky room. This will allow the transition between classrooms to involve as few schedule changes as possible, and be easier on the child.



DUCKY, LAMB & WHALE ROOMS



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 & 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 & Community
 - Reading/Phonics
 - Language Skills
 - Technology
- the skills to help them become an independent problem solver

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

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

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- develop a positive sense of self and learn who they are as one of God's children
- learn developmentally appropriate limits of behavior
- learn respect for other's feelings and belongings
- learn to establish relationships with adults other than family members
- develop at their own pace and gain independence

FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

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

PHYSICAL & LARGE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

Children are provided with:

- opportunities to develop large motor skills through play in our gymnasium and playground equipment
- a healthy environment, rest, and physical exercise
- healthy snacks and nutritious catered hot lunches.

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.

KINDERGARTEN - OPEN TO FALL 5'S

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. We believe that children learn by doing, and take pride in working closely with parents to encourage each child's spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth.

With National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA), Kindergarten at Our Savior engages students in a proven curriculum designed to integrate technology and media. In addition to core curriculum, Kindergarten students experience art, music, physical education, and technology skills.



A unique program that...

- provides an opportunity to extend your child's Our Savior School experience one more year.
- brings comfort to families struggling with the question of whether or not to wait another year to start Kindergarten.
- is open to Fall 5's - children with birthday in September, October or November.
- prepares your child for first grade and language immersion programs.



KINDERGARTEN - 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*.

LANGUAGE ARTS

By integrating reading, writing, speaking and listening, our children will:

- read and write letters of the alphabet
- develop phonetic awareness skills
- recognize beginning and ending letter sounds
- 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.

ART

Art and critical thinking activities are offered to help children:

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

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 & compute by adding & subtracting
- communicate ideas in a variety of ways
- make predictions based on information given

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

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

TECHNOLOGY

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

- basics of how to use Chromebooks
- Math & Language Arts skills development
- Assessment tour

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.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Fitness is fun! Physical Education five days a week helps:

- students explore through non-locomotor and locomotor movements & fitness activities
- improve gross motor skills through the use of scooters, jump ropes, balls and the parachute
- practice manipulative skills using bean bags, juggling scarves and beach balls.

ALL THE EXTRAS - PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Our students are enriched daily with experiences that go above and beyond our core curriculum. As part of our mission to be a welcoming 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
- Operation Christmas Child
- Adopt a Student
- Spring Program

Specials

- Pumpkin Party
- Pajama Day
- Happy Birthday Jesus!
- Beach Day
- Hearts for Jesus
- Celebrate Mom
- Celebrate Dad
- PreKindergarten Graduation

Field Trips

- Apple Orchard
- Pumpkin Patch
- Lowry Nature Center
- Hobby Farm
- Firefighter (in-house visitor)
- Plant Mobile (MN Landscape Arboretum)
- Science Museum (in-house visitor)



EXTENDED CARE - FOR STUDENTS THROUGH 5TH GRADE

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 to/from Excelsior and Minnewashta elementary schools. EC is designed to promote healthy development by encouraging children to play, make new friends and explore outdoor activities, and by providing much needed time for homework or quiet reading.



HOURS

7:00am - 5:30pm
Monday - Friday

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NON-SCHOOL DAYS

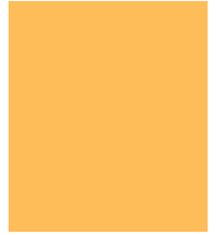
EC is available to all students on non-school days. Please contact us to make arrangements.

EXTENDED CARE RATES

Extended Care services are available before/after school hours and the summer.

| No. of Hours | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5+ |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Contracted Rate Sept - May | \$6 | \$12 | \$18 | \$24 | \$30 | \$45 |
| Flex Rate Sept - May | \$7 | \$14 | \$21 | \$28 | \$35 | \$50 |
| Contracted Rate Summer | \$30 | | | | | \$45 |
| Flex Rate Summer | \$35 | | | | | \$50 |

EXTENDED CARE GOALS



SOCIAL GOALS

We aim to help students:

- make positive decisions
- use good manners - both towards individuals and when eating at the table
- have respectful attitudes toward adults and other children
- gain independence
- develop social skills
- follow rules that help guide behavior

INTELLECTUAL GOALS

OSS provides a variety of opportunities for students to learn and grow including:

- help with homework
- summer reading program
- computer activities
- reading aloud/silently
- games
- crafts
- videos/movies
- drama/puppet shows
- discovery play
- dress up

SPIRITUAL GOALS

OSS is dedicated to:

- helping students 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

OSS will provide:

- nutritional snacks
- outdoor play
- organized large motor activities

EMOTIONAL GOALS

Our mission is to provide:

- listening ears
- hugs
- laughter
- respect



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