

# Early Childhood Education

First Lutheran School's Early Childhood Education Center is the initial step of your child's formal educational journey. First Lutheran combines a scripturally-sound faith-building curriculum with an outstanding academic program that makes First Lutheran's Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten preparatory programs truly unique.

Our goal is to develop each child's mind, body, and spirit in a loving Christian environment. We educate the whole child in order to cultivate a confident, lifelong learner while coming to understand the love and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Lutheran Early Childhood Education follows the Tennessee Department of Education guidelines and standards enriching our curriculum through resources from Core Knowledge Foundation, the Letter People, CHP and other Christian based materials that follow Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod teachings.

## Our curriculum covers

### Language Development through Speech

Receptive and expressive, rudimentary Spanish and Sign language.

### Cognitive Development through Early Literacy

Letter recognition and phonological awareness, verbal expression and communication, story reading behaviors, auditory discrimination, listening and understanding, visual discrimination, whole-part-whole relationships, Accelerated Reader program through First Lutheran Library and the Book It program.

### Cognitive Development through Math

Visual sequencing (patterning), problem solving; spatial sense, geometry, analyzing data, numbers and operations, patterns and simple algebraic equations and measurements.

### Cognitive Development through Science

Sensory awareness, observation and exploration, sequencing and time, problem solving, life science, earth and space science and physical science, health and nutrition.

### Cognitive Development Social & Emotional

**Social:** Human interactions, cultures and communities, history, biography, geography and economics, missions and service projects, scripture study, etiquette and virtues.

**Creative Arts:** Music, music and movement, visual art and movement and dramatic play, exposure to art masterworks and classical music.

**Autonomy:** Self concept, self control, cooperation, management of self within the learning environment.

**Gross Motor:** Movement and coordination, fine motor, health status and practices, self help and safety, personal and social responsibility, beginner yoga.

*FLS does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, disability, gender, or national origin.*

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