



Concord Lutheran School
Bensenville, IL
Curriculum Guide
Fourth Grade

Welcome to Concord in the name of our Lord Jesus. We believe that communication is vital to the success of our students. Our partnership with parents and families will help your understanding of the school's goals and skills in your child's grade level. As a child of God we value highly the success of our students. This guide is a brief summary of the curriculum that your child will experience at Concord Lutheran School.

Religion

Through the religion curriculum students will continue their lifelong journey in the Christian faith. The relationship God has with us and others is one that is not only lifelong but eternal. It is a living and ongoing process. As people of faith, it is our fervent prayer that the study of the Word of God allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through all who study and work here so that their lives might be one of Christian hope, service, and love.

Fourth grade students will learn:

- God's Word through the books of the Bible, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments
- How Law and Gospel are part of our lives
- About patriarchs and Moses
- How Jesus is their Savior, teacher, healer, and friend
- The power of prayer and faith in our daily lives
- The teaching of Jesus and His life, miracles, and parables
- The call of the Apostle Paul and his missionary journeys
- Reformation and Martin Luther (introduction to Luther's Small Catechism)
- About being good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures as they serve others and support a mission opportunity with their weekly chapel offering

Language Arts

Through the study of language arts, students will learn to read fluently and understand a broad range of written materials. They must be able to communicate well and listen carefully and effectively. They should develop a command of the language and demonstrate their knowledge through speaking and writing for a variety of audiences and purposes. In addition, students must be able to study, retain, and use information from many sources.

Students will:

- Apply word and structural analysis strategies
- Acquire and use new words in reading, speaking, and writing
- Apply reading strategies to improve understanding and fluency
- Distinguish fact from opinion and relate cause and effect
- Read aloud accurately with ease and expression
- Interpret supplemental information to enhance understanding of the text
- Read both fiction and non-fiction literary works
- Use correct grammar in all writing
- Use the writing process of pre-write, draft, revise, edit, and publish to produce persuasive, narrative, and expository written work
- Write letters, reports, and stories using acquired information from various sources

Math

The mathematics curriculum provides necessary number, problem-solving, and high-order thinking skills that will benefit the students in all phases of their lives. Students will be instructed by challenging them to succeed to the best of their God-given abilities.

Students will:

- Develop a working knowledge of key vocabulary when speaking and writing about mathematics
- Use a variety of strategies to solve problems
- Use math symbols correctly
- Know basic addition and subtraction facts
- Know multiplication and division facts from 0 to 12
- Develop accuracy when measuring with a variety of tools
- Use patterning as a problem solving strategy
- Develop an understanding of geometry and spatial sense through two and three-dimensional figures
- Collect and record data from real life experiences
- Organize and display data in a variety of ways

Science

The science curriculum emphasizes that God created the universe and is the preserver of all the laws of nature. The interpretation of scientific data is done in accordance with God's Word. The students are exposed to a variety of authentic learning experiences to nurture creative and critical thinking skills. It seeks to enable students to develop these skills and is designed to teach students to seek God in all things and to treat all of God's creation in a loving and respectful manner.

Students will:

- Explain and identify living things
- Describe animals and plants
- Explain the significance of the earth's surface
- Understand physical science: matter, heat, sound, and light
- Identify the human body and body systems
- Explain the importance of nutrition and disease prevention

Social Studies

The social studies curriculum emphasizes the study of the individual Christian's relationships with other human beings and with God's world. The students will learn to respect and appreciate others and our environment as a unique gift from God. Critical thinking skills are practiced so that students learn how to make value judgments and wise decisions.

Students will:

- Describe the parts and significance of Illinois government
- Identify importance aspects of Illinois history and agriculture
- Understand geography: land forms, use map skills in U. S. and state geography