

# Elementary School

Concordia's elementary school program gets children off to a great start as we lay an intellectual and spiritual foundation for their young lives. This year Concordia serves approximately 200 children in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade.

## Curriculum

Concordia's curriculum features a program that builds on basic skills and goes beyond to challenge children to reach their potential.

Reading instruction blends phonetic instruction with the use of quality children's literature to provide tools for all young readers.

Understanding the structure of written language and applying it as young authors are the keys to language instruction at Concordia.

Instruction in mathematics uses a variety of teaching techniques including the use of manipulatives to explore and gain number sense. Then additional skills balance the development of problem solving and computational skills. As students progress through the elementary program they are given opportunities to work at their own level.

Across the grades, science and social studies instruction provides interest and variety to the curriculum, including the use of hands on learning in science.

Gaining knowledge of the Bible and how it applies to our lives is the cornerstone of Concordia's curriculum. As children read, learn and even memorize God's word, they also practice reading and writing skills.

The belief that art, music and physical skills are all part of God's gifts to people is evident in Concordia's commitment to providing opportunities for children to grow in these areas as well. Students in Concordia's elementary program get instruction in all three special classes twice each week.

Struggling or challenged students can receive assistance through our resource program even if they have not yet been formally diagnosed with a learning disability.

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### Faculty

Students in Concordia's elementary school are instructed by teachers who love their Lord, love children and love teaching and learning. The goal of our elementary program is to challenge students while building their confidence through school success.

Students experience both traditional and innovative teaching practices.

Somewhat unique among Lutheran schools, Concordia has two teachers and two classes at each grade level. This allows a great deal opportunity for flexibility and partnering. It provides an additional viewpoint to assist in planning and problem-solving.

Concordia has been a pioneer in full-day Kindergarten. Parents are offered the option of full or half-day attendance. The Kindergarten program is developmentally appropriate including a mix of work and exploratory play.