

LEARNING CENTER CURRICULUM AND AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT

Redeemer Lutheran Learning Center has a curriculum based on age-appropriate activities and themes. Each age group's curriculum is structured around the WEE Learn Curriculum published by Lifeway. WEE Learn is a faith-based complete daily curriculum, which gives children learning experiences in all areas of the classroom, and involves the whole child. We strive to have children well prepared for Kindergarten as well as learn social skills and get hands-on experiences that they would likely never have out of the classroom. Our preschool is Christ-centered and the children will be exposed to prayer, chapel, Bible stories, morals and values.

Our staff believes that play is a child's work and many activities that your child is engaged in during their day will not be able to be taken home, hung on the walls, or seen with your eyes. Children are exposed to opportunities that allow interacting socially and working individually, making choices, learning responsibilities through using materials and equipment, building self-esteem, and developing problem solving and thinking skills. These skills are learned through playing with blocks, creating art, cooking, playing outside, using puzzles, and listening to stories- just to name a few.

Classroom activities are planned to stress the following skills:

- A. Social and Emotional Development- A priority is to help the child make a happy adjustment in our learning center. Many opportunities are provided daily to work and play cooperatively in a group.
- B. Christian Education- Basic Christian beliefs are taught through the use of the Bible stories and songs. Chapel services are held weekly in the Sanctuary. Children participate in morning and mealtime prayers.
- C. Reading and Math Readiness- In the Toddler and Two's classes, children are introduced to colors, shapes, letters, and numbers through stories, songs, and art activities. In the Threes and Pre-Kindergarten classes, activities focus on developing visual and auditory skills including size and discrimination, shape and color identification, and number and letter recognition.
- D. Language Development- Creative expression and story telling are encouraged, along with "Show & Tell" and group discussion.
- E. Sensorimotor Development- Through outdoor play and indoor games, children are encouraged to coordinate body movements and large muscle control. Small muscle control occurs through the frequent use of play dough, finger-paints, puzzles and cutting and pasting activities.
- F. Fine Arts- Free-form drawing, coloring, painting, and play dough modeling allow children to express themselves creatively. Music consists of singing in small and large groups, experimenting with rhythm instruments and creative movement exercises.

