

## First and Second Grades

*First Grade: 6 years old by September 30:  
Second Grade: 7 years old by September 30  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through  
Friday*

Our 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades are taught in combination with Kindergarten. The Virginia Standards of Learning act as a guideline for educational studies combined with a Christian education. Within the classroom the first & second graders will receive individualized instruction based on their need within the curriculum. Additionally they will partake in activities with the kindergarten students, as appropriate to their developmental level. Workbooks and other curriculum materials are selected by the teacher, and may include workbooks for phonics, reading, spelling and math. Workbooks used for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are from Loyola, A-Beka Book, Continental Press, and/or Modern Curriculum Press.

## Extended Care

*6:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. and 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.*

To fit parents' busy schedules, we also offer an Extended Care program. The program is open to all of our students on a regular or "drop-in" basis.\* The program includes time for lunch, play, teacher-guided activities, rest time and time for children to play and learn at their own pace. The cost for Extended Care services is separate from the pre-school and primary class programs, and varies by each child's schedule. There are special rates for children in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. \*Children enrolled in extended care should be able to feed themselves and be able to cooperate at rest time by laying down on a mat or cot.

## Admission and Registration

In order to enroll your child at Saint John, you will need to provide:

1. A certified copy of your child's birth certificate
2. Proof that your child's immunizations are all up to date for his/her age.
3. A list of all early childhood or primary programs your child has attended.
4. The completed registration form from Saint John Lutheran School and Payment Agreement
5. Payment of the appropriate registration fee.

**Registration fees (in-part or whole) are NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Saint John Lutheran School operates as a non-profit ministry of Saint John Lutheran Church. The school is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association. We are a non-accredited school and hold a Religious Exemption from state licensing, which means that we must meet all applicable state criteria, such as student to staff ratios, health certification of staff and student body, and other safety standards. We are inspected by the Health and Fire Departments. The school is governed by an Advisory Board made up of parent, church and community representatives, the school Director and the Headmaster (the Pastor of the church). A Parent Handbook with additional information is furnished to each enrolled family and is available upon request.

## At Saint John Lutheran School, you will find...

- A caring and qualified Christian staff, with over 100 years' combined experience
- A loving, warm Christian environment to nourish your child's creativity and self-esteem
- A facility that's safe, clean and spacious, with 2 playgrounds
- A Christian library on premises
- Educational and fun field trips
- A Summer Enrichment program
- The Rock 'n' Read program: earn free books for reading at home!

### **Free Day!**

**Please come in for a visit! All new or prospective students are welcome to visit for a free day!\* Please call ahead and reserve a space. Parents are, of course, welcome any time!**

\*Free day is 8:30-12:30 programs only. May not be suitable for children under three.

## SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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An Educational Ministry of  
Saint John Lutheran Church

For Ages 2-4 Years Old  
and Kindergarten  
through Second Grade



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## Saint John Lutheran School

*...is a non-profit, educational ministry whose main goal is to provide young children with a quality Christian education at an affordable price.*

You want to provide your child with the best educational experience possible. But how can you help your child develop his or her greatest potential? Our philosophy is to guide children's learning and development by building on the natural excitement children have for the world around them – by providing for active learning in a nurturing, Christian environment. Each program is planned for the development of concepts and skills through a curriculum in which the child is actively involved in his or her own learning. Play is the work of children! Come and visit. You will see the excitement your child can have about learning!

*Saint John Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship program and athletic and other school-administered programs.*

## Preschool Programs

*Class hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm*

All of our preschool programs are designed to be developmentally appropriate for the young children involved. There are opportunities for children to develop social and intellectual skills through various group situations and one-on-one interaction with their peers and teachers. Activities include story times, circle times, art, crafts and fine and gross motor skills. There are plenty of opportunities for children to make choices in their activities and explore the learning centers and activities available. Children bring a snack from home for each day. Five and three day classes participate in weekly Chapel, Library, Music and PE.

### The Early Learners Class

*For children 2 yrs. old at enrollment*

A program for young learners, this class is primarily designed to provide socialization experiences as the children discover the joy of learning through play and many hands-on activities. Children are not required to be toilet-trained. Parents should provide diapers or training pants and a change of clothing. Children may be enrolled 3 days (M, W, F), or may attend all 5 days. The teacher to child ratio is 1:6.

### The Pre-Kindergarten3 (Pre-K3)

*For children 3 yrs. old by September 30*

This program stresses socialization and a positive self-concept as the most important developmental need during this age. The children work on developing educational foundations in the areas of language, science, math and fine and gross motor skills. Alphabet and number recognition, introductory pre-writing skills, and beginner scissor use are some additional areas children will be experiencing. Lessons are planned following the curriculum, *“Pathways for Preschool”*. Children may be enrolled 3 days (M, W, F) or may attend all 5 days, *subject to availability*. The teacher to student ratio is 1:10

### The Pre-Kindergarten4 (Pre-K4)

*For children 4 yrs. old by September 30*

Pre-K4 builds further on the skills learned in Pre-K3 and further prepares the children for Kindergarten. By building on already learned readiness skills and exposing the children to beginning phonetic skills, writing skills, math concepts and social development, children expand their learning foundation. In order for the children to learn to work independently and within a group dynamic, we have incorporated the philosophies of the “open classroom” (learning centers) and “structured” group instruction into one. Lessons are planned following the curriculum, *“Footsteps for Fours”*. The teacher to student ratio is 1:10.

## Primary Programs

### Kindergarten

*For children 5 yrs. old by September 30. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday, AND 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday*

Our program incorporates social development with the academic areas of reading, math, science, and writing. Instruction of the content areas for kindergarten will incorporate the Virginia Standards of Learning as guidelines for academic instruction. Phonics instruction is the primary method used for teaching reading and literacy. This is supported with “whole language” instruction later in the school year. Workbooks for reading and phonics (the *Explode the Code* series from Educators Publishing Service) and Math Their Way manipulatives and methods are used to complete the program.

Kindergarten classes attend weekly Chapel and library sessions. To help your child make the transition to full-day First Grade, our Kindergarten offers a gentle approach of operating 5 mornings per week (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm) plus 2 afternoons (12:30 to 3:00 p.m.) implemented gradually over the first two months of school. Our Kindergarten class is in combination with our First & Second Grade class. We find that combining these students of different age groups benefits the whole class in terms of the development of self-esteem and social skills, as well as embracing the learning process. The teacher to student ratio is 1:10, and class size is generally limited to 10 students each for Kindergarten, First Grade, or Second Grade or 10-15 students when the school offers Kindergarten alone.