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We firmly believe that Trinity Lutheran School gives your child the best academic and spiritual foundation.

We educate the *whole child*: through faith-based learning, superior academics, a family-centered learning environment and a commitment to community building.

Below are some of the highlights consistent throughout our KinderPrep - 6th grade school:

- **Weekly Chapel** is attended by the whole school on Wednesdays, enhancing a community feeling within the school
- **Intervention and Enrichment services** are provided for those students that need additional support or enhancement
- **Enriched instruction** is provided weekly in Spanish, STEM, Art, Music, Technology and Physical Education
- **House System** is a unique program where all students participate and form a school family with children of all grades, collaborating and caring for others
- **Extra-curricular** opportunities are available including Fit Club, Marathon Madness, after-school sports, Troubadours and annual performances
- **Traditions** that span generations include our Gymnastics Festival, Christmas Cantata, Clap Out, Election Day Soup Supper, Mother's Tea, K-Kids Inc., and Dad's Airplane Day
- **Field trips** are taken by all grades, and walking field trips are taken often since we are centrally located to downtown
- **Bus transportation** is available for students living in the Marysville school district.
- **Childcare** is available during off-school times from 6:30 AM - 6 PM through our Tiger Care program, as well as in the summer.



KinderPrep

Our KinderPrep program is designed to meet the needs of the younger five-year old child to help in building social, emotional and academic skills. Typical enrollment is for children who turn five between May and September of the upcoming academic year. Students who turn five between September 30th and December 30th will be assessed to determine whether KinderPrep is the best fit for them. A year in the KinderPrep program is then followed by a year of traditional Kindergarten. Enrollment into the KinderPrep program can be based on a combination of a child's age, recommendation from teachers, and/or school experience.

Our program is a half-day, Monday through Friday with a small class size. Our program meets, and exceeds, the Ohio Department of Education Standards through a solid curriculum of academic subjects.

Highlights of the curriculum include:

- **Social & Emotional Development:** children learn positive and responsible decision skills and learn to value and respect themselves and others
- **Religion:** daily Bible stories and prayer, children attend weekly Chapel on Wednesdays
- **Literacy:** knowledge of capital & lowercase letters and sounds, recognition of 35 sight words by the end of the year, retelling familiar stories, begin reading for personal enjoyment, write simple words and sentences
- **Science:** life, physical, and earth science, developing scientific investigation skills, research projects
- **Math:** patterns, geometry, numbers and number sense, data and problem solving, addition and subtraction, measurement, calendars
- **Social Studies:** demonstrate an understanding that with time things change, use and understand terms related to location, understand wants and needs develop an understanding of govt., rules & laws, understand organizations such as school, family, and community
- **Specials:** weekly classes in Art, Music, Physical Education and Spanish
- **Field Trips:** a variety of field trips reinforce learning in Math, Science, and Social Studies

Other Trinity KinderPrep Facts:

- Bus transportation is available for KinderPrep students who would normally ride the bus to Marysville Public Schools. Bus transportation is not available during the noon hours.
- Childcare is available during off-school times for KinderPrep students through our Cub and Tiger Care program.

Kindergarten

Trinity's full-day Kindergarten program that teaches a solid curriculum of academic subjects which meet and exceed the Ohio Department of Education standards. Highlights of the Kindergarten curriculum include:

- **Language Arts:** blending letters and word pattern activities using Orton Gillingham phonics, rhyming words, predictable charts, interactive charts, literacy centers
- **Religion:** daily bible stories (big books, videos, puppets, interactive stories), daily prayer, teaching children to see God in and around others
- **Writing:** forming letters correctly and neatly, use drawings, dictations and writing to express themselves, explore the writing process
- **Science:** life, physical, and earth science, developing scientific investigation skills, field trips for hands-on learning
- **Math:** number names and sequence, understand addition and subtraction, group, sort and classify objects, identify, describe, compare, create and compose shapes
- **Social Studies:** geography, current events, economics, government
- **Technology:** weekly instruction on navigating a Chromebook, learn keyboarding skills while applying to academics, smart boards and Chromebooks allow for student interaction and manipulation of curriculum
- **Specials:** weekly classes in Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library and STEM

Trinity Kindergarten Traditions:

- Buddy program pairs kindergartners with older kids for chapel, reading, and other leadership activities
- Mother's Tea invites the most important women in the students' lives to spend a morning in May celebrating them
- Dad's Airplane Day invites the most important men in the students' lives to build a paper airplane and see whose will fly the furthest
- K-Kids Inc. is a program where students create and run their own business, doing things such as creating flower pens, bracelets and snack mixes to be sold to students, families and friends
- Weekly specials include STEM, Gym, Foreign Language, Art, Music, Library



1st Grade

In first grade at Trinity we strive to provide the highest quality education in a Christ and family centered environment. Our goal is to meet all state standards for academic excellence as well as surpass the state standards in several areas. Highlights of the curriculum include:

- **Language Arts:** Literacy Collaborative approach (program developed by The Ohio State University that consists of many opportunities for teaching reading and writing across the curriculum), interactive read-alouds, shared reading, guided reading, independent reading, and Orton Gillingham phonics activities
- **Religion:** daily Christian instruction in the classroom four days a week, Old and New Testaments, children's Bibles, interactive lessons, prayer and Christian principles integrated into all subject and discipline areas
- **Writing:** interactive writing, shared writing, writer's workshop, and independent writing, capitalization rules, nouns, positional words and transitional words, spelling program, writing 4-5 sentences
- **Science:** life, physical, and earth science, developing scientific investigation skills
- **Math:** read and write numerals up to 120, addition facts with addends through 20
- **Social Studies:** geography, current events, economics, government
- **Technology:** computerized smartboards are used by the teacher and student to enhance the curriculum through a hands-on learning approach.

Trinity 1st Grade Traditions:

- Community Service Projects to nursing homes, the Personal Needs Pantry, and Marysville Food Pantry.
- Collections for national and/or international organizations, such as for mission trips, homes for the disabled, and victims of natural disasters or illnesses
- Field trips include walking to businesses downtown and two additional field trips outside of Marysville
- Weekly specials include Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library and STEM

2nd Grade

Second grade is full of excitement, creativity, and growth in all aspects of your child's development. All activities are approached with encouragement and support in order to develop God-given talents and establish a lifelong love of learning. Highlights of the curriculum include:

- **Language Arts:** daily reading practice through guided reading groups, independent reading time, read alouds, listening center, and Orton Gillingham phonics activities, summarize stories, identify the main idea and details of a text, identify the characteristics of various genres, parts of speech, prefixes, and homophones
- **Religion:** daily Christian instruction in the classroom, prayer and Christian principles integrated into all subject and discipline areas
- **Writing:** daily independent writing workshop time and individual instruction, construct diamante, haiku, and acrostic poems, write persuasive letters, how-to papers, personal narratives, friendly letters, opinion writing, research reports, and fiction pieces
- **Science:** units on the units on the design process, weather, technology, animal and plant needs, matter, energy and magnets, plus hands-on labs/experiments
- **Math:** individualized, small group math instruction, addition and subtraction with regrouping, graphing and data analysis, measurement, telling time to the nearest five minutes, problem solving
- **Social Studies:** postcard geography project, Christmas around the world unit, economics, American history, government
- **Technology:** computerized smartboards are used by the teacher and student to enhance the curriculum through a hands-on learning approach

Trinity 2nd Grade Traditions:

- Perform a curriculum-based class musical
- Field trips include walking to businesses downtown and two additional field trips outside of Marysville
- Cursive handwriting
- Reciting Luke 2 at Christmas Cantata (a tradition over 60 years old!)
- Weekly specials include Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library and STEM



3rd Grade

The third grade year at Trinity Lutheran School is a year of change and transition for each child academically, socially, and physically. The year starts with your child as a primary student and ends as an intermediate student. Highlights of the curriculum include:

- **Language Arts:** students apply grammar rules while using different kinds of writing formats and Orton Gillingham phonics activities, such as opinion/persuasive essays, letters, research papers, poetry, and narrative writing, students explore various reading genre and strategies through small group reading, independent reading, and whole class reading.
- **Religion:** daily Christian instruction in the classroom, prayer and Christian principles integrated into all subject and discipline areas
- **Writing:** spelling lists include phonics and sound combinations in words to help students learn to find those sounds in reading and to help with spelling in daily writing, Wordly Wise is used to build both vocabulary skills and comprehension skills
- **Science:** explore the Scientific Method and the Engineer Design Process through a variety of experiments, activities, and projects, students study animals and plants, minerals and rocks, and forms of energy.
- **Math:** focus on problem solving, students learn and practice real-world mathematical skills through word problems (including multiple step problems) using various methods and strategies, students also practice using the four mathematical operations in a variety of ways
- **Social Studies:** focus on communities and learn about government, economics, map skills, and citizenship.
- **Technology:** use technology to share information and communicate findings with others, including creating slide show presentations

Trinity 3rd Grade Traditions:

- Students lead Chapel twice a year
- Students complete many different projects, share stories and other assignments to begin developing their oral presentations skills
- Field trips include walking to businesses downtown and two additional field trips outside of Marysville
- Overnight Lutheran Memorial Camp (one night)
- Guest speakers, science experiments, book and research reports
- Weekly specials include Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library and STEM

4th Grade

The fourth grade year at Trinity Lutheran School is a year full of growth. The children are beginning to flourish with their more advanced intermediate thinking skills as well as developing organizational and time management skills. Highlights of the curriculum include:

- **Language Arts:** explore various genres (including both fiction and non-fiction) and depict the literature aspects in a variety of ways, Wordly Wise 3000 Vocabulary Book is used
- **Religion:** daily reflections related to weekly verse with real-life applications
- **Writing:** students will understand how to: carry a writing piece through the writing process from pre-writing to final copy, apply grade level spelling and vocabulary, and learn a variety of new language skills
- **Science:** understand the interconnected cycles and systems of the Earth, study earth's living history, electricity, heat, matter
- **Math:** challenges the students to use problem-solving and reasoning skills daily, students learn and practice real-world mathematical skills through word problems
- **Social Studies:** focus on Ohio History, students identify both similarities and differences in the customs and traditions of various groups of people that have impacted Ohio from Native Americans to present day
- **Technology:** activities integrated into the classroom curriculum to expand student knowledge beyond the typical classroom experiences

Trinity 4th Grade Traditions:

- Field trips including Ohio Caverns and Ohio Statehouse
- Overnight Lutheran Memorial Camp (two nights)
- Have Kindergarten Buddies to work with a younger student by setting an exemplary model for the new students, they read with them, help them carve pumpkins, travel to Chapel and special events
- Extra-curricular activity options include Troubadours and after school sports
- Weekly specials include Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library and STEM



5th Grade

The fifth grade year is a period of overall growth and development, which paves the way for academic achievement and lifelong learning. They will become the role models for many of the younger children at Trinity Lutheran School. Highlights of the curriculum include:

- **Language Arts:** students analyze, compare, and creatively respond to a variety of literature, students explore a variety of genres including poetry, biographies, realistic fiction, historical fiction, mystery, fantasy, and non-fiction, Wordly Wise 3000 Vocabulary Book is used
- **Religion:** daily reflections related to weekly verse with real-life applications
- **Writing:** students practice writing, from generating ideas to proofreading and publishing, as they write narratives, persuasive pieces, essays, letters, research papers, and poetry
- **Science:** understand the interconnected cycles and systems of the universe, solar system, and Earth, as well as ecosystems, physical systems, and the scientific process
- **Math:** algorithms of multiplication and division will be taught and stressed so as to lead to the quickest means of solving a problem, students solve real-world problems and use fractions, decimals, and percentages
- **Social Studies:** students study people in societies and history, geography, and economics
- **Technology:** activities integrated into the classroom curriculum to expand student knowledge beyond the typical classroom experiences

Trinity 5th Grade Traditions:

- Students will develop an understanding of the design process within the STEM curriculum by designing, creating, and presenting to the class their projects
- Overnight Lutheran Memorial Camp (two nights)
- Extra-curricular activity options include Troubadours and after school sports
- Weekly specials include Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library and STEM
- Students choose a national park and complete a research project using information from the park to create a slideshow, park presentations, and a research paper

6th Grade

The sixth grade year is a year of intensive preparation for entrance into middle school. Students are challenged in the areas of reading, writing, and math for preparation of proficiency exams given at the end of the year. They are held accountable for homework assignments on the appropriate due dates.

- **Language Arts:** students develop word analysis skills and use context clues to find word meanings using both non-fiction text, whole class novels, and Wordly Wise 3000 Vocabulary Book, students analyze, compare, and creatively respond to a variety of literature
- **Religion:** daily reflections related to weekly verse with real-life applications
- **Writing:** students practice writing, from generating ideas to proofreading and publishing, they write narratives, persuasive pieces, essays, letters, research papers, and poetry
- **Science:** studies include the rock cycle, plant and animal cells, volume and mass, scientific process and the design process within the STEM curriculum
- **Math:** use rates and ratios, fractions, decimals, negative numbers, exponents, basic algebra concepts, inequalities, graphs and data
- **Social Studies:** students study people in societies, history, geography and government
- **Technology:** activities integrated into the classroom curriculum to expand student knowledge beyond the typical classroom experiences

Trinity 6th Grade Traditions:

- Students are encouraged and challenged to take leadership roles in school productions, chapel service, and other special events
- Overnight Lutheran Memorial Camp (two nights)
- Students will participate in the school Science Fair
- Extra-curricular activity options include Troubadours and after school sports
- Weekly specials include Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library and STEM
- Students give a speech about their memories from Trinity during a graduation ceremony at the end of the year
- Students switch classes and learn to live out of lockers
- Students take a three-day class trip at the end of the year to mark the bittersweet ending of their Trinity education, the class votes on the destination which is often a national park



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