

First Grade

*For children 6 years old by September 30 Hours:
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday*

Our First Graders are in a combined class with Kindergarten for a First Grade experience that is truly developmentally appropriate, providing a positive, nurturing environment with lots of personal attention. The curriculum covers appropriate Christian education themes as well as the Virginia Standards of Learning, using materials that may include A Beka, Loyola, Chall-Pops Phonics from Continental Press, and Modern Curriculum Press. Students complete national standardized testing in the spring. Please ask the Director for more information about First Grade for your child.

Extended Care

7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 12 to 6 p.m.

To fit parents' busy schedules, we also offer an extended day 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, story times, 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 or First 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. Cribs are not provided.

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. Proof of a negative TB test result
4. A list of all early childhood or primary programs your child has attended.
5. The completed registration form from Saint John Lutheran School and Payment Agreement
6. Payment of the appropriate registration fee.

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
- Computer availability
- 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 9-12 programs only. May not be suitable for children under three.

SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

An Educational Ministry of
Saint John Lutheran Church

For Ages 2 Years Old
through Kindergarten
and First Grade



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...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 9 a.m. to 12 noon

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 on-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 and music sessions. Two-day class participation in music will depend on enrollment.

The Early Learners Class

For children 2 ½ yrs. old before enrollment and

The Young Two's Class

For children 2 yrs. old before enrollment

A program for young learners, these classes are 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), 2 days (Tu, Th) or may attend all 5 days. The teacher to child ratio is 1:6, and classes are generally limited to 8 students.

The Readiness Classes

For children 3 yrs. old by September 30

This program stresses socialization and a positive self-concept as the most important developmental need. Children are encouraged to explore opportunities in language development, science, social studies, Christian education, mathematics, music and art, and to develop fine and gross motor skills. 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, and classes are generally limited to 10 students.

The Pre-Kindergarten

For children 4 yrs. old by September 30

Pre-K is designed to build further on the readiness skills and prepare children for Kindergarten by exposing them to alphabet recognition, phonics, pre-writing skills, math concepts and computer skills, as well as further activities in the area of science, social studies, Christian education, music, art, and the refinement of fine and gross motor skills. Using themes of high interest to children, teachers guide the students' learning through group instruction in circle times, small group activities, independent and cooperative learning centers and individual guidance. The teacher to student ratio is 1:10 and classes are generally limited to 15 students.

Primary Programs

Kindergarten

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

Our program incorporates social development with the academic areas of reading and language, math, science, social studies, Christian education, computer skills, music, art, drama and the development of fine and gross motor skills. The reading program includes elements from phonics and whole language to create a well-balanced approach to preparing your child for a life-long love of reading. The program also incorporates the Virginia Standards of Learning in its curriculum.

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 noon) plus 2 afternoons (noon to 3 p.m.) implemented gradually over the first two months of school. Our Kindergarten class is in combination with our First Grade class (if First Grade is available). 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 and First Grade, or 10-15 students when the school offers Kindergarten alone.