

## Top Ten Reasons to Consider Kindergarten at St. Michael Lutheran School

**#10 Full Day Program** – Our program offers a full day extended learning program that prepares your child for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and beyond.

**#9 “More Bang For Your Buck”**- St. Michael is the best kept secret in the Christian school community. Compare our tuition costs to other schools; we think you’ll be pleasantly surprised by our value.

**#8 A Strong Bridge between Preschool and Kindergarten Programs** - Both Preschool and Kindergarten teachers work together to insure that your child’s transition from preschool to kindergarten is as seamless as possible. The kindergarten curriculum continues to build upon the skills your child was introduced to in Preschool.

**#7 Beautiful Facilities**- Our building opened in 2004. We offer a spacious gym, library with computers, and generous classrooms. The kindergarten class is self-contained with its own bathroom and drinking fountain.

**#6 Qualified Staff**- Our teaching staff is state certified with strong Christian values and work together as a team.

**#5 On Site Childcare**- Christ for Kids Childcare is located within St. Michael Lutheran Church. This is a great resource for both working and non-working parents as it offers before and after school programs for all grades.

**#4 Kindergarten Enrichment**- Our kindergarten program offers several enrichment activities incorporated into our day including art, music, and gym.

**#3 An Education Plan**- St. Michael Lutheran School and Christ for Kids Preschool can meet your child’s needs from three year old preschool through the eighth grade all in the same building!

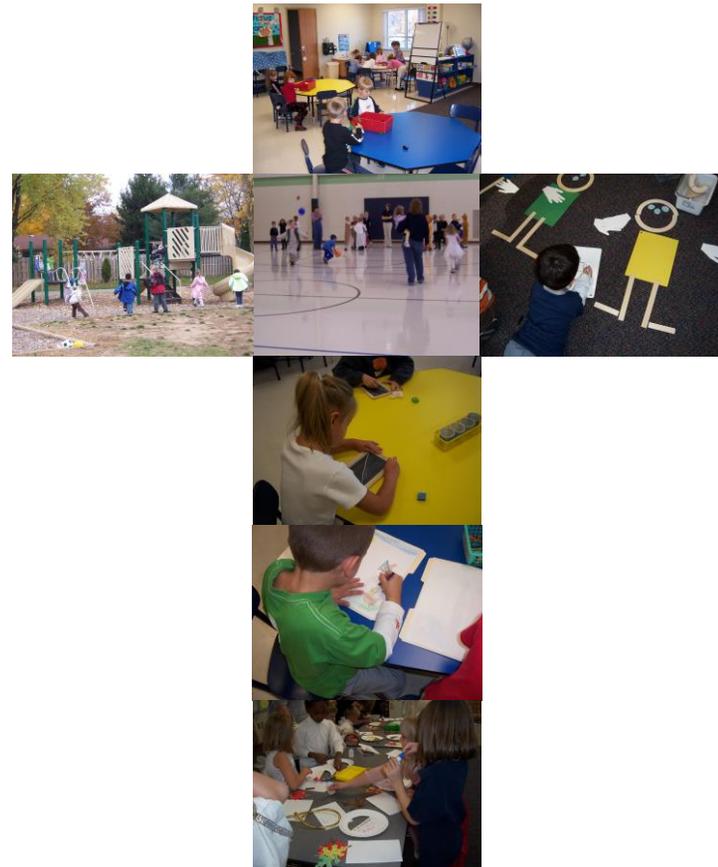
**#2 Small School Atmosphere**- Our enrollments for kindergarten through eighth grade average around 115 students. Our students and families become a close knit group and make friendships that last beyond their years here.

**#1 Christ Centered Program**- Jesus Christ is the center of our school. We worship together as a school each Friday in the sanctuary of St. Michael Lutheran Church. We feel very blessed and fortunate that we are able to incorporate lessons and values throughout each day of school that enhance a Christian world-view.

Stop by and visit the kindergarten classroom to see for yourself that St. Michael Lutheran School is a great place for your child to grow.

# St. Michael Lutheran School Kindergarten Program

*“Education with Christ at the Heart.”*



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## **Phonics and Language**

Our kindergarten language program is a balanced curriculum. Using daily messages and journal writing, we focus on basic mechanics of written language. Reading aloud daily exposes children to different types of literature. Children also work in small groups with the teacher to develop phonemic awareness.

## **Mathematics**

Our kindergarten math program focuses on a variety of introductory math skills such as counting, writing and reading numbers, one-to-one correspondence, sorting objects, patterns, shapes, graphs, coins, comparing sizes of objects, and sequencing. We also introduce basic addition and subtraction, measurement, and time to the hour.

## **Science and Social Studies**

Our science and social studies programs are introduced in integrated units throughout the year. The reading program includes many expository texts from which we learn about communities, growing, and different cultures. Science is also included in many bible lessons.

## **Handwriting**

Our kindergarten handwriting program incorporates the *Handwriting Without Tears* language. We practice our writing daily in our journals and on our reading papers.

## **Religion**

Throughout the day our faith is incorporated into all subject areas as well as actions displayed by teachers. We expose students to a variety of Bible passages which discuss practical application and Biblical truths. Songs and prayers are used to reinforce the Bible lessons.

## **Music**

The students have music twice a week. They sing a variety of classic children's songs, hymns, and contemporary Christian music. They also learn about basic music theory. Once a year, the students are invited to sing during worship at St. Michael Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church as well as performing in the Christmas show and Spring Concert.

## **Art**

Kindergarten art mostly focuses on developing the student's skills in drawing, painting, cutting and pasting, and working with clay and other materials

## **Physical Education**

The students have gym class twice per week and practice basic locomotive skills, learn the importance of personal space, and learn about healthy eating and exercise habits.

## **Socialization**

Socialization is threaded throughout the day's activities. Students are continually exposed to activities that encourage cooperative play.