**4K Curriculum Overview**

The 4K of St. Paul Lutheran School follows the Wisconsin Model of Early Learning Standards and allows the children to learn through play and a rich variety of learning experiences. Learning experiences often occur within the framework of a weekly theme. Areas of learning consist of:

**God’s Word**: knowledge of Bible stories and God’s plan of salvation through teacher telling, songs, children retelling/acting, visual aids, finger plays

*Christ Light* curriculum used (NPH publishing)

**Literacy**: drawing, scribbling, alphabetical and phonological awareness, understanding more complex and varied vocabulary

Curriculums used: *Handwriting Without Tears* (workbook and letter formation practice through a variety of mediums)

*Zoophonics* (kinesthetic, focuses on sound of letter)

**Math**: counting, sorting, classification, seriation, patterning, time, space, position, direction (taught primarily through games and manipulatives)

**Social Studies/Science**: neighborhoods, community helpers, our bodies and senses as created by God, the use of *Weekly Reade*r magazine, using our senses to gather information, comparing, making predictions, experiments

**Music**: rhythm, fast/slow, expression, movement, playing rhythm instruments

*Sing and Make Music* curriculum used

**Large Motor Skills**: walking, running, jumping, leaping, galloping, skipping, balancing, body awareness, throwing a ball, catching a ball, group play

**Fine Motor Skills**: scribbling, drawing lines, writing, coloring, cutting, tracing, gripping, pinching, stringing beads

**Social relations**: relating to adults, relating to other children, resolving interpersonal conflict, understanding and expressing feelings in appropriate ways