## **Lutheran Church of the Cross Preschool Curriculum**

**Curriculum** is based on Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences. We believe that each child is created uniquely by God and that each child learns differently. The Multiple Intelligences helps us identify how each child learns best. We focus on social and emotional development and strive to provide a firm foundation from which each child can identify and manage their emotions.

**Classroom Curriculum** is based on the CA Learning Foundations and Frameworks. The measures being taught are aligned with both the State of California and the DRDP (Desired Results Developmental Profile) assessment tool we use twice yearly in order to be sure all of our students are prepared for the elementary school years

**Chapel** is taught Daily primarily from the Beginner's Bible. The students will also be taught songs during Chaple time.

**September**: Intra-personal Intelligence. Color: red. Shape: rectangle. Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control. Letters: Aa. Bb. Number 1.

**October**: Inter-personal Intelligence. Color: orange. Shape: circle. Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness. Letters: Cc, Dd, Ee. Number 2

**November:** Linguistic Intelligence. Color: brown. Shape: square. Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness. Letters: Ff, Gg, Hh. Number 3.

**December**: Happy Birthday, Jesus! Color: green. Shape: triangle. Fruit of the Spirit: Joy. Letters: li, Jj. Number; 4.

**January:** Musical Intelligence. Color: yellow. Shape: star. Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness. Letters: Kk, Ll, Mm. Number 5.

**February**: Logical-Mathematical Intelligence. Color: pink. Shape: heart. Fruit of the Spirit: Love. Letters: Nn, Oo, Pp. Number 6.

March: Naturalist Intelligence. Color: blue Shape: diamond. Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness. Letters: Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt. Number 7

**April**: He is Risen!: Color: purple. Shape: Cross. Fruit of the Spirit: Peace. Letters: Uu, Vv, Ww. Number 8

**May/June**: Spatial Intelligence/ Bodily Kinesthetic Intelligence. Color: black and white. Shape: oval. Fruit of the Spirit: Patience. Letters: Xx, Yy, Zz. Numbers: 9, 10.

The last multiple intelligence is Existential-Moral Intelligence as defined by Howard Gardner. This is woven in all that we do here in our daily life here at LCC Preschool and as taught daily during Chapel.

## **Monthly Preschool Curriculum**

Teachers, please create the monthly Curriculum template as well as daily lesson plans and give copies to the Director.

September: Intra-Personal Intelligence

Color: red Shape: rectangle Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control Letters: Aa, Bb. Number 1

Bible Verse: "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid; but gives us power, love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

Focus: God made me, God gave me feelings and emotions and I will learn about my emotions and how to practice self-control. I will learn about the classroom, the playground and how to take care of my belongings.

Bible Stories: The Beginning, Adam and Eve, The Sneaky Snake, Noah's Ark, The Tall Tower, A New Home and the Visitors.

DRDP Measures: Attention Maintenance, Self-comforting, Imitation, Curiosity and Initiative in Learning, Self-Control of feelings and Behavior, Engagement and Persistence.

## October: Inter-personal Intelligence

Color: orange Shape: Circle Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness Letters: Cc, Dd and Ee. Number 2

Bible Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

Focus: God made everyone. We are all children of God. I will get to know my classmates and my teacher and the community around me and learn that we are in a community of believers together.

Bible Stories: A Bride for Isaac, Isaac's Blessing, Jacob's Dream, Jacob and Esau Meet Again, Joseph's Colorful Robe, Pharaoh's Dreams, Joseph Saves Hid Family, A Baby in a Basket.

DRDP Measures: Identify of Self in Relation to Others, Social and Emotional Understanding, Relationships and Social Interactions with Familiar Adults, Relationships and Social Interactions with Peers, Symbolic and Sociodramatic play.

November: Linguistic Intelligence

Color: Brown Shape: Square Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness Letters: Ff, Gg, Hh. Number 3

Bible Verse: "Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life".

Focus: Books, Rhymes, Songs, Dictation. Languages spoken at home. Read for the Record.

Bible Stories: The Burning Bush, Ten Plagues, The Red Sea, Food from Heaven, Ten Commandments, Twelve Spies, Joshua and the Spies, The Battle of Jericho, Samson.

DRDP Measures: Understanding of Language (receptive), Responsiveness to Language, Communication and Use of Language (expressive), Reciprocal Communication and Conversation, Interest in Literacy, Comprehension of Age-Appropriate Text, Concepts about Print, Phonological Awareness, Letter and Word Knowledge and Emergent Writing.

**December:** Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Color: green Shape: triangle Fruit of the Spirit: Joy Letters: Ii, Jj. Number: 4

Bible Verse: "I bring you good news of great joy! A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11.

Focus: Jesus is born. Our promised Savior. The Nativity Story and the Christmas program.

Bible Stories: Ruth and Naomi, Hannah's Prayer, A Voice in the Night, An Angel Visits Mary, Baby Jesus is Born, Shepherd's Visit, A Bright Star and Three Visitors.

Measures; Review of all the previous month's measures.

January: Musical Intelligence

Color: yellow Shape: star Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness Letters: Kk, Ll, Mm. Number 5

Bible Verse: "Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts." Psalms 105:2

Focus: To explore different types of music, instruments, songs, rhymes and sounds.

Bible Stories: Israel's First King, A Good Heart, David and Goliath, Best Friends, King David, The Lord is my Shepherd, The Wise King, God Watches, Over Elijah, Fire From Heaven, Chariot of Fire, Jars of Oil, Naaman is Healed.

Measures: Perceptual-Motor Skills and Movement Concepts, Gross Locomotor Movement Skills.

February: Logical-Mathematical Intelligence

Color: pink Shape: heart Fruit of the Spirit: Love Letters: Nn, Oo, Pp. Number 6

Bible Verse: "Do everything in love". 1 Corinthians 16:14

Focus: To explore mathematical concepts. Sorting, Classifying, Counting, One-to-One Correspondence, Shapes, Measuring, Patterning and Problem Solving.

Bible Stories: Boy King Josiah, Fiery Furnace, Daniel and the Lions, The Brave Queen, Jonah and the Big Fish, An Angry King, Jesus is Lost, John Baptizes Jesus.

Measures: Spatial Relationships, Classification, Number Sense of Quantity, Number Sense of Math Operations, Measurement, Patterning, Shapes, Gross Motor Manipulative Skills, Fine Motor Manipulative Skills.

March: Naturalist Intelligence

Color: blue Shape: Diamond Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness Letters: Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt. Number 7

Bible Verse: "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it." Psalm 96:11

Focus: The outdoors, nature, planting, animals, meteorology, oceans, deserts, mountains.

Bible Stories: Jesus Chooses His Disciples, Jesus First Miracle, Jesus Teaches on a Mountain, The Lord's Prayer, A Captain's Faith, A Hole in the Roof, Jesus Calms the Storm, Two Miracles, Jesus Feeds Thousands, The True King, Washing the Disciples Feet, The Last Supper.

Measures: Incorporate and review past measures.

April: He is Risen!

Color: purple Shape: cross Fruit of the Spirit: peace Letters: Uu, Vv, Ww. Number 8

Bible Verse: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God". Matthew 5:9.

Focus: The Story of Easter and the Risen Christ. New life and new beginnings.

Bible Stories: Jesus is arrested and Crucified, Jesus is Risen! Jesus Walks on Water, The Good Samaritan, The Lost Sheep, Martha and Mary, The Lost Son.

Measures: Continue to review. Work on alphabet, letters, numbers and shapes.

May/June: Spatial Intelligence/Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence

Color: black/white Shape: Oval Fruit of the Spirit: patience Letters: Xx, Yy, Zz. Numbers: 9, 10

Bible Verse: "Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love." Ephesians 4:2.

Focus: Visualize objects and rotate, transform and manipulate them.

Bible Stories: The Blind Beggar, Ten Lepers, A Short Man, Jesus and the Children, Lazarus Lives Again, Jesus Returns, A Net Full of Fish, Jesus Goes to Heaven, The Holy Spirit Comes and the First Church, The Lame Man, A Changed Man, Paul's Journeys, Earthquake in Prison!

Measures: Safety, Personal Care Routines, Hygiene, Feeding, Dressing, Active Physical Play, Nutrition.

There are nine Multiple Intelligences as defined by Howard Gardner. The ninth one is Existential-Moral Intelligence which is interwoven in all that we do here in Chapel and in our daily life at Lutheran Church of the Cross Preschool.