



Zion Lutheran School

Overview – Kindergarten

*Zion C.A.R.E.S. "Zion Students are...Christ-Centered, Academic Achievers, Responsible Citizens
with Exceptional Character and Servant Hearts"*

Teacher/Student Ratio 20:1 Part-time aide Mon-Thurs. 8:15-11:45

School Day 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Morning Recess: 30 minutes
Lunch Recess: 40 minutes

Classroom Structure Core subjects, Technology, Art: Classroom teacher
Foreign Language, Music, Drama, P.E.: Enrichment teachers

Spiritual Life

- **Bible: Daily:** Emphasis is on the study of God's Holy Word through engaging lessons using puppets, acting out, singing, or felt story board. Students will learn about creation, Joseph and his brothers, Moses, Gideon, Ruth, Samuel, David, Jesus' birth, ministry, death, and resurrection, The Lord's Prayer, and Pentecost.
- **Chapel:** Every Wednesday

Academic Life

- **Reading:** Focus on phonemic awareness, phonics, and fluency skills are presented using a variety of strategies using SRA Open Court curriculum. The Rainbow Program is an enrichment program designed to help students learn all of their letters, sounds, sight words, numbers to 30, and some blends at their own pace. This is followed by additional sight words and readers.
- **Language Arts:** Comprehension skills and strategies are taught through excellent literature that is the core of each lesson.
- **Mathematics:** Students will learn math skills through a variety of hands on activities and games. Puppy Dog Math is an enrichment program for students to work at their own pace to learn addition and subtraction facts.
- **Social Studies:** Integrated into Open Court Curriculum. Also taught through read alouds, field trips, and projects.
- **Science:** Weekly Hands-on science labs that explore Living Things, the Five Senses, Earth and Sky, Pushes and Pulls, and Body Parts.
- **Penmanship:** Students will learn the correct formation of each letter and practice daily.
- **Physical Education:** Movement games and activities involving running, eye-foot, and eye-hand coordination to promote coordination and fitness are the foundation for these grades. Examples: Sharks and Porpoises (running, dodging, eye-hand coordination), Five-Mile Club: walk/jog/run for 16 minutes each week. Students



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experience a variety of movement activities. Team sports' skills through group lead-up games and activities are also part of the curriculum. Examples: Basketball line drills (movement, eye-hand coordination, endurance, conditioning), King and Queen of the Mountain (soccer dribbling/eye-foot coordination and kicking).

- **Music/Drama:** Weekly Emphasis is on the exploration and appreciation of music using instruments, singing, note reading, rhythm and movement activities as the students listen to music from different cultures.
- **Technology:** Weekly. Emphasis is on mouse & computer basics, introduction to keyboards, word processing basics, beginning graphics, computer navigation, web browsing basics, and online safety
- **Library:** Weekly. Students check out books and listen to a story
- **Art:** Weekly. Students are exposed to various mediums using seasonal themes and Open Court themes

Activities

- Name of the Day books: students get to know each other while learning to write their names and draw their pictures using basic shapes.
- Brown Bear Book: students create and learn to read their own Brown Bear Book.
- Thanks giving Play: students are assigned parts, practice, and reenact the first Thanksgiving.
- Five Senses Solid shape: Students pick a solid shape and add something for each of the five senses for Project Night.
- Human Body Model: students use a tracing of their bodies to learn where their brain, heart, lungs, and stomach are.
- Butterfly Habitat: Students raise butterflies from caterpillars.
- Transportation Field Trip: Students travel to Coronado Island by car, train, trolley, and ferry.

Textbooks

Reading	SRA Open Court
Language	SRA Open Court
Writing	SRA Open Court
Math	Houghton Mifflin/Puppy Dog Math
Bible	Voyages
Social Studies	Houghton Mifflin
Penmanship	SRA Open Court
Music	book title here
Technology	EasyTech through www.learning.com