St. John Lutheran School – Sherman Center

Curriculum Snapshot – Fourth Grade

Religion
- Old and New Testament stories
- Biblical and Lutheran Doctrine
- Martin Luther and the Reformation
- Church History
- Daily Chapel Services using *The Congregation at Prayer*
- Preparing for First Communion

Memory
- Weekly Scripture
- Six Chief Parts of Luther's Catechism

Reading
- Continue building
  - Fluency
  - Phonics
  - Reading strategies
  - Comprehension skills
  - Text features & structure
  - Author's purpose
- Vocabulary

Language Arts
- Mastery of cursive handwriting
- Grammar (nouns, verbs, adjectives,pronouns, adverbs & prepositions)
- Writing for…
  - narrating & entertaining
  - Explaining & informing
  - Expression and influencing
- Introduce research practices

Math
- Place value, compare and order numbers
- Addition & multiplication properties
- Subtraction & division rules
- Multiply one- & two-digit numbers
- Problem solving skills
- Patterns & sequences
- Fractions & operations with fractions
- Relating fractions and decimals
- Customary & metric units of measurement
- Perimeter & area
- Geometry

Social Studies
- Wisconsin history

Science
- Characteristics of cells and animals
- Classifying plants
- Ecosystems
- Energy & electricitySocial Studies

Spelling
- Increasingly complex spelling patterns
- Short and long oo words
- Vowel - consonant - silent e patterns
- Spelling patterns of aw & ou
- Superlative adjectives ending in -er & -est
- Silent & double consonants

Art
- Process of art
- Elements & Principles of art
- Famous Artists

Music
- Individual/small group lessons
- SALSA band program
- Basic voice and choral singing development
- Prepare for singing in worship services
- Learn Lutheran hymnody and heritage
- Music appreciation and singing development
- Basic components of music and instruments

Physical Education
- Emphasis on healthy living and the importance of physical activity
- Sports skills developed and recreational games played
- Sportsmanship, effort, and a willingness to try

Computers & Technology
- Typing (proper posture, keyboard layout, building speed and accuracy)
- Digital Citizenship and Communication skills (Online behavior and safety, email etiquette)