



There are some exciting changes at Zion Lutheran School's Preschool this fall. One of those changes is in the 3 Year Old Preschool program. I'd like to introduce myself, the teacher and the program for this 2011 - 2012 school year.

Our mission for our 3 year old program is to provide quality Christian early childhood education in a safe, loving and caring atmosphere; daily teaching God's forgiveness and love through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our program is designed to provide spiritual, physical, cognitive, social/emotional and creative experiences at the developmental level of the child. Children need time in which to think, experiment, discover and grow in an unhurried and accepting atmosphere. We will provide opportunities for your child to learn through play and interaction.

**Meet the staff** - For those who don't know me, my name is Sandee Dunker and I have been at Zion since 1986. I am currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and director of the before and after school care, the extended care, and the summer camp programs. I have master's degrees in education and in educational leadership. I will be overseeing the 3 year old preschool program this year.

**Mary Hildebrandt** (better known as Miss Mary to all the children and families she currently works with) will be our 3 year old teacher this year. Miss Mary has worked in our *Before and After School Program*, *Extended Care*, and *Summer Camp* for many years. She is currently the assistant director of these ministries. Mary is returning to college and is working on her degree in early childhood.

**Hours:** 3 year old preschool will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am until 11:00am. The children may be brought to the classroom anytime from 7:45am until 8:00am. The classroom is located upstairs in the main school hallway. Children may be picked up at the Early Childhood entrance (east side of the building) for dismissal at 11:00am.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum for the 2011 - 2012 school year is attached. We are very excited about the opportunities for learning, socializing, and experiencing new things that will be presented for the children to be involved in. In each month you will see the units for that month along with the colors, shapes, letters, and Bible Stories that we will be focusing on.

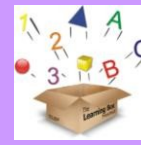
**Questions:** If you have any questions or would just like to meet with us and see the classroom please give us a call. The number is 815/814-5156.





# Zion Lutheran Preschool

## 3 Year Old Preschool Curriculum



### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2011



**All About Me** – God made me special  
**Apples All Around** - Red, yellow, or green ones! Which is your favorite kind of apple? Math, science, arts and crafts are used to explore different aspects of the apple.  
**Dinosaur Days** - Some were very big and some were small. What do we know about these creatures? Together we'll explore different dinosaurs.  
**Letters:** A, D, B    **Numbers:** 1,2  
**Shape:** Circle    **Colors:** Red & Green  
**Bible Stories:** Creation, Abraham, Jacob & Joseph



### OCTOBER, 2011

**A House Just Right For Me** - Everything and everyone has a place that it belongs! We will use math and science, as well as music to teach your preschooler that there is a right kind of house for everything!  
**Fun in the Fall!** – It's the time of year with all kinds of things to see, hear and feel. Fun arts and crafts, Bible stories and songs help celebrate this special fall time.  
**Letters:** H, N, J    **Number:** 3  
**Shape:** Square    **Colors:** Orange & Black  
**Bible Stories:** Moses, Joshua, Hannah & Samuel



### NOVEMBER, 2011

**Let's Go! Go! Go!** - It seems that preschoolers are always on the go! What a better way to keep them moving, than to learn all about the different types of transportation we use to get us from one place to another.  
**Counting Down to Thanksgiving** – A wide variety of activities will help your preschool count down to this important holiday filled with traditions from long ago and today. It is a time for family, friends, fun, and food! YUM!  
**Letters:** G, Z, T    **Number:** 4  
**Shape:** Rectangle    **Colors:** Brown & Orange  
**Bible Stories:** David, Elisha, the angel visits Mary



### DECEMBER, 2011

**Cozy Quilts** - Come cuddle up by the fire with your cozy quilt as we explore a world of color, shape, and most importantly pattern.  
**Merry Christmas** – Christmas is a wonderful time of year. It is a time for fun, friends, and family traditions. We'll look at favorite ways to celebrate Jesus's birthday.  
**Letters:** Q, M, L    **Number:** 5  
**Shape:** Triangle    **Colors:** Gold & Green  
**Bible Stories:** Jesus's Birth, Angels & Shepherds



### FEBRUARY, 2012

**It's Valentine's Day** - Hearts and hugs, cards and candy, friends and family, all an important part of the holiday of love and friendship - It's Valentine's Day!  
**Love Our Pets** - Valentine's Day is a day for love and who better to love than our pets! We will explore different kinds of pets that people have and how to care for them.  
**Letters:** V, X, C    **Number:** 7  
**Shape:** Heart    **Colors:** Pink, Purple, & Red  
**Bible Stories:** Jesus blesses the children, Jesus teaches about the birds & flowers, Jesus stops a storm, Jesus feeds 5,000



### JANUARY, 2012

**Penguins and Polar Bears** - Come with us as we visit the North and the South Poles to learn all about those big old polar bears and some silly little penguins that both love the snow! Science, math, arts and crafts are all used to explore these fascinating animals!  
**Soups On** - Brrrr, it's cold outside! Come inside and warm up with a nice warm bowl of soup! We will help give your preschooler a look at healthy eating, as well as spark their imagination!  
**Letters:** P, I, Y    **Number:** 6  
**Shape:** Oval    **Colors:** White, Black & Yellow  
**Bible Stories:** Jesus as a child, Jesus Baptized, The 12 Disciples



### APRIL, 2012

**A Trip to the Farm** - Come along with us as we take a trip to the farm! While we are there we will see mommy animals and their babies. As well as make some animal noises of our own!  
**Love Our Earth** - What a wonderful world God gave us to live in! Even preschoolers should learn what they can do to help take care of our world and why it is so important to do so.  
**Letters:** F, E, R    **Number:** 9  
**Shape:** Diamond    **Colors:** Tan, Green & Blue  
**Bible Stories:** Easter, Jesus heals a deaf man and a blind man, Zacchaeus



### MARCH, 2012

**Wild Weather** - The weather affects our lives every day! What kind of weather are you having? Rain, sun, snow or wind, we feel it all round us when we go outside. Let's learn about our wild weather.  
**Silly Stories** - Everyone loves a story, especially a silly story. A unit full of arts and crafts that allow your preschooler to have some fun with stories and songs!  
**Letters:** U, K, S    **Number:** 8  
**Shape:** Semi-circle    **Colors:** Gray, Blue & Yellow  
**Bible Stories:** Mary & Martha, Children Praise Jesus, Jesus Dies, Lent



### MAY, 2012

**Under the Sea** - Amazing animals can be found living in the water! Come with us on an exciting adventure under the sea, and discover some of these wonderful creatures.  
**Alphabet Adventure** - Children love adventures! Whether real or make-believe they are always a lot of fun. Your preschooler's imagination will be inspired as they discuss all kinds of adventures the alphabet could go on!  
**Letters:** O, W    **Number:** 10    **Colors:** Review    **Shape:** Star  
**Bible Stories:** Philip, Jesus loves me and promises to be with me.



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