

Alternative Kindergarten

Trinity Lutheran School Alternative Kindergarten program is designed to meet the needs of the younger 5-year old child to help in building social, emotional and academic skills. A year in the Alternative Kindergarten program is typically followed by a year in the Traditional Kindergarten program.

Enrollment into the Alternative Kindergarten program may be based on a recommendation from the pre-K and/or Kindergarten teachers after reviewing maturity and skill levels. Students who have not attended a Pre-Kindergarten program may be asked to complete an academic assessment or attend the public school's Kindergarten screening test to determine appropriate academic placement.

The Christian Day School Committee (CDSC) has approved the following Alternative Kindergarten guidelines:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ day program (morning or afternoon), Monday through Friday.
- Focus is on the Ohio Department of Education Kindergarten Standards
- Educational instruction in Art, Music, Physical Education and Foreign Language
- Weekly Chapel Services
- Focus on social learning and fine motor skills
- Focus on letters, numbers, reading, writing, math, science, phonics and social studies
- Smaller class size
- Field Trips
- Meaningful play activities to develop skills in thinking, reasoning and cooperation with other students

Bus transportation is available for every Alternative Kindergarten child who would normally ride the bus to Marysville Public Schools. **Bus transportation is not available during the noon hours.** Parents providing their own transportation from surrounding school districts are encouraged to check into transportation cost reimbursement through the school board office in their home district. Childcare is available during off-school times for Alternative Kindergarten students through our Latchkey program (937-642-1852).

In June, via a mailing, you will be notified of your child's final class assignment and of the date for the Parent Orientation meeting, to be held prior to the start of classes for students. Although we try to honor your AM or PM class preference, this is not always possible. We appreciate your flexibility as we finalize our class rosters.

Thank you for your interest in Trinity Lutheran School's Alternative Kindergarten program. If you have any questions and/or would like to tour the school, please contact the school office at 937-642-1726.