

# **Kindergarten Preview**

## **2022**

# **Zion Lutheran School**

## **Bethalto, Illinois**



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# Kindergarten Curriculum Descriptions

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## Religion

The One in Christ curriculum emphasizes Jesus' love for each student. This focus incorporates God's love for us as shown in His plan for salvation. The Bible stories are enhanced through chapel worship, songs, puppets, books and finger plays. Prayer and sharing from God's word are intertwined throughout the day.

## Phonics and Handwriting

Fostering strong phonemic awareness, the Superkids Reading Program balances all five essential elements of reading and integrates reading, writing and grammar. High-frequency words and handwriting activities are also practiced. Handwriting without Tears is a multisensory handwriting program with hands-on materials that teaches good handwriting habits.

## Mathematics

In the McGraw-Hill My Math program, new learning is presented in increments and progresses at a pace that allows children to develop competence and confidence through daily work at the morning meeting, new concepts, and lesson practice. Hands-on manipulatives and learning games reinforce the concepts of counting, measurement, shapes, patterns, graphing, time and money.

## Science

The HMH/Fusion curriculum promotes the child's awareness of the physical, environmental and life sciences. Units of study include plants, animals, habitats, the earth, its weather and seasons, matter, energy and motion.

## Social Studies

The Pearson Social Studies curriculum is a study of students' family, school, the community and its helpers, where we live, history and traditions. The curriculum is enhanced through maps, activities, songs and posters.

## Music

Macmillan/McGrawHill's music curriculum introduces music concepts, such as tempo, voices, high and low pitch and moving to music.

## Physical Education

Physical education promotes the child's development of fine and gross motor skills through games and activities.

## Art

Art Attack is a video-based art curriculum. The goal of the program is to teach every child to express himself through art by using a variety of media. Lessons on famous artists, their work and other cultures are also included.

## Computer

Students reinforce basic math and reading skills using a variety of educational software. Students practice mouse control and begin using the keyboard with Paint and Word.

# What Every Child Should Know Before Entering Kindergarten

## Top 15 Things Every Child Should Know Before Entering Kindergarten

1. Be able to state first and last name when asked.
2. Be able to write first name with first letter upper case and remaining letters lower case.
3. Use appropriate three-finger grasp when using writing instruments (pencils, crayons and scissors)
4. Count to at least thirty and tells what number comes before or after a given number to 20.
5. Know all the letters in their first name.
6. Identify basic geometric shapes (triangle, circle, square, rectangle, oval, star, rhombus (diamond) and heart)
7. Know basic colors (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, black, white, brown, pink)
8. Identify numerals 1-10 in random order.
9. Make most letter/sound matches.
10. Identify most upper and lower case letters.
11. Use finger to accurately touch count items to ten.
12. Knows concepts of print (front and back of book, which page comes first, track words left to right).
13. Be able to rhyme words.
14. Retells simple stories in sequence.
15. When given a word ("man") and a new beginning sound (/f/), creates the familiar word ("fan")

### *Socially Your child should be able to...*

1. Adjust own clothing before and after using restroom.
2. Use restroom independently including washing hands without reminder.
3. Take off and put on outer clothing
4. Sit for a story for 5-10 minutes
5. Clean up after themselves
6. Shares materials and toys with other children.
7. Attend kindergarten with a positive attitude
8. Be confident and ready to separate from parent.
9. Be able to listen and follow 2-3 step directions.

10. Be able to solve problems without aggression.

*Help Prepare Your Child by...*

1. Going to interesting places such as the beach, park, zoo, airport, farm or lake. (Example: Use car rides to play I Spy, this encourages children to identify shapes, colors and helps develop their vocabulary in fun ways.)
2. Encourage your children to observe and talk about their experiences, as conversations with adults who care enrich a child's vocabulary and understanding of world.
3. Make eye contact with your child while listening to them speak, showing them that you value what they say.
4. Expose your child to many kinds of literature by reading to them daily.
5. Praise and encourage your child's efforts and curiosity, knowing that from mistakes come learning and confidence. Criticism can discourage children from trying new things and lower self confidence.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

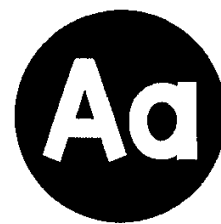
# I Can Write to 20!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

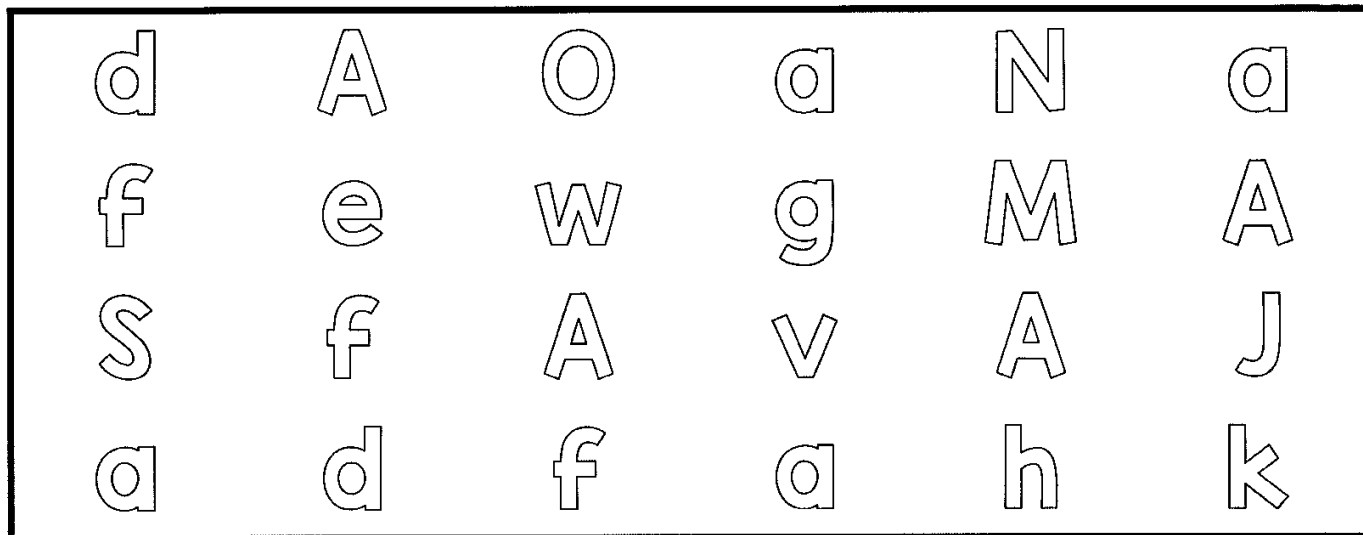
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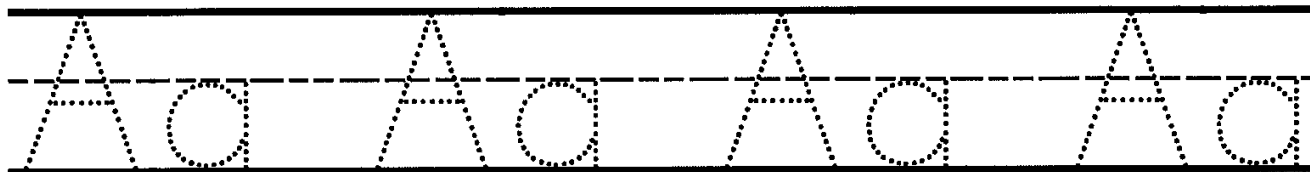
# Alphabet Practice



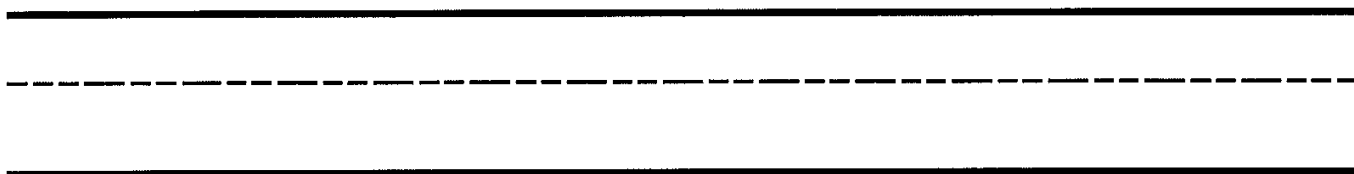
Find and color the letter "Aa".



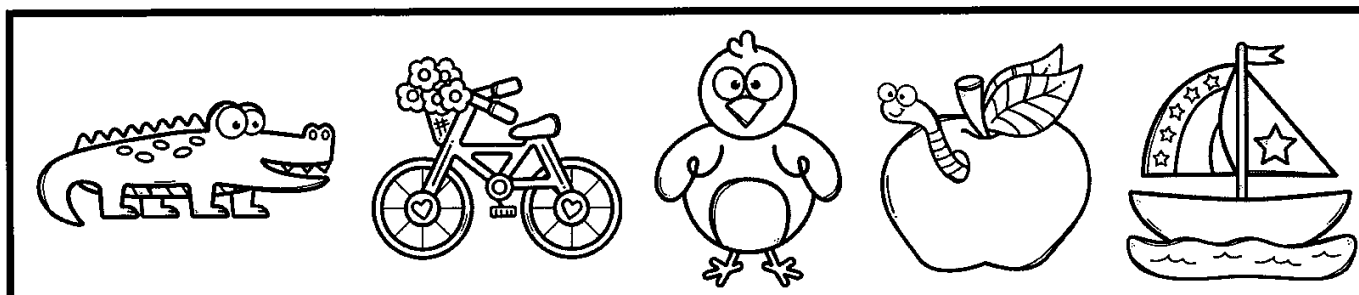
Trace the letter "Aa".



Write the letter "Aa".



Color the pictures that begin with "Aa".



Student Sign In      Week of \_\_\_\_\_

		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	

# Dolch Sight Words

## Pre-Kindergarten (40 words)

a  
and  
away  
big  
blue  
can  
come  
down  
find  
for  
funny  
go  
help  
here  
I  
in  
is  
it  
jump  
little

look  
make  
me  
my  
not  
one  
play  
red  
run  
said  
see  
the  
three  
to  
two  
up  
we  
where  
yellow  
you



# Dolch Sight Words

## Kindergarten (52 words)

all  
am  
are  
at  
ate  
be  
black  
brown  
but  
came  
did  
do  
eat  
four  
get  
good  
have  
he  
into  
like  
must  
new  
no  
now  
on  
our

out  
please  
pretty  
ran  
ride  
saw  
say  
she  
so  
soon  
that  
there  
they  
this  
too  
under  
want  
was  
well  
went  
what  
white  
who  
will  
with  
yes



# Kindergarten enrollment now open for Preschool families!

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*All are welcome at Zion!*

*Tuition assistance  
available for all  
elementary students.*



## Why Zion for your child's elementary education?

Here are a few of the many reasons.

- **Christian values** in all activities and experiences
- Students' standardized test scores significantly **above local and national averages**
- Dedicated **computer classes** for Grades K-8 plus Promethean ActivPanels for classroom instruction, Chromebooks (4-8) Pads (K-2)
- **Traditional instruction**, with spelling, handwriting, phonics and reading, oral and written communication

**Before & After  
School Care  
available**

**7-7:45 a.m.**

**3-6 p.m.**



**Choices** you make today determine your child's tomorrows.  
**Choose Zion Lutheran School** for Kindergarten – Grade 8.



# We Chose Zion Lutheran School



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“Sending our children to Zion Lutheran School is a **commitment** we are making to them for their future. We appreciate how the teachers love, care, and pray for our children. Zion supports us in our **parenting.**”

Andrew and Kaleigh Rider, Edwardsville, Illinois

“Zion’s teachers are **well-prepared** and handle any unexpected situations calmly. The principal and teachers truly care about parents and their children. We like the **security, safety,** and Christian environment at Zion.”

Scott and Erica Hale, Bethalto, Illinois

“At Zion, our sons have things we never had when we were in public school. They have **STEM lab** and Winterim classes that focus on more **learning** activities, like cooking and painting. Our family has no battles about going to school. Our boys are **excited** every morning.”

Tim and Natalie Blasa, Bethalto, Illinois

“My strong foundation that began at Zion Bethalto, from Preschool through Grade 8, helped make my career possible. I credit the influence of my teachers for my professional and personal successes.”

Deanna Tiek, Ph.D., KOO post-doctoral fellow,  
Northwestern University, Chicago