

4K at CLS

Why Celebration Lutheran is a wise choice for Four-Year-Old Kindergarten



Participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

THE 4K TRADITION AT CELEBRATION LUTHERAN SCHOOL:

We've been offering four-year-old kindergarten at Celebration Lutheran School since 2011 to foster a love of learning and discovery that encourages children to be curious, successful and ready for kindergarten.

By the end of their 4K year, our children will:

- Know they are children of God and that Jesus loves them
- Demonstrate a sense of self as a learner
- Demonstrate a sense of responsibility to oneself and others
- Demonstrate effective functioning – individually and as a member of a group
- Know that learning is fun and something to look forward to and participate in

You'll find details of our curriculum on the back side of this flyer.



THE CLS ADVANTAGE:

At Celebration Lutheran School, your child will get:

- An established, full-time 4K curriculum in the context of a full K-8 environment
- A small-school, family-oriented atmosphere where students across the ages get to know each other and work together

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Children in 4K should be 4 years old by September 1st. All children must be toilet trained, which includes personal wiping.



Is Celebration Lutheran School's 4K program
a great fit for *your* family?
Come, experience CLS in action, and see for yourself!

The CLS 4K All-Day Curriculum

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

One of our first goals of 4K is that it will be a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for learning. Children come together and learn to cooperate and get along with others. We explore our different emotions and learn how to express them. We encourage children to become more age-appropriately independent. We also grow in self-esteem and enjoy companionship with others.

JESUS TIME

Children learn:

- Jesus loves them
- Jesus is always with them and cares for them
- Jesus is our Savior, who takes away our sin
- How to talk to God through prayer, anytime, anywhere

We use a Concordia Publishing curriculum for our Bible story lessons. We also gather together with all of Celebration's students for a weekly Chapel service led by ministry staff.

READING READINESS

Students use a variety of resources as they explore the world of literacy. Children will:

- Appreciate stories and their structure
- Grow in understanding and use of vocabulary
- Understand position, descriptive and sequence words
- Develop book and print awareness
- Recognize upper and lower case letters
- Develop auditory discrimination and phonological and phonemic awareness
- Develop and grow in comprehension skills
- Develop and grow in listening skills and speaking skills
- Develop and grow in fine motor skills
- Develop and grow in emergent writing

FINE MOTOR

Students are encouraged to develop age-appropriate grips that foster an ease into the handwriting process. We use Handwriting Without Tears curriculum to fully prepare our students to develop and master basic letter writing skills and feel confident in their writing abilities as it develops. Fine motor journals are incorporated as an age appropriate readiness tools.

MATH READINESS

Children will learn:

- Numbers by counting, visual recognition and beginning writing
- Number concepts: grouping and comparing items, simple adding and taking away, and comparing the numbers of things in two sets
- Serration—comparing attributes, patterning, putting together ordered sets
- Measuring, filling, emptying
- Duplicating a sequence
- Matching
- Discriminating distance and space
- Graphing

ART

We enjoy and explore different ways of expressing ourselves through visual materials, such as crayons and markers, paint, play dough and sculptural materials, cutting and gluing paper and collages. We recognize different forms of art.

MUSIC

We learn about and enjoy music by singing songs, moving to music, exploring and identifying sounds, learning about rhythm and playing simple musical instruments.

MOVEMENT AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We take time to move and develop our bodies by active play in the gymnasium and out on the playground. We work on gross motor skills, such as:

- Moving in non-locomotor ways (bending, twisting, stretching, rocking, swinging, etc.)
- Moving in locomotor ways (running, jumping, climbing, marching, skipping, etc.)
- Working with ball skills
- Working on body coordination
- Participating in group games

PERSONAL SKILLS

Children will continue to show accomplishment in taking care of themselves and their things. They will be encouraged to show independence in going to the bathroom, washing their hands, dressing themselves, manipulating buttons/zippers/snaps, cleaning up and putting items in their proper places and showing respect for others and their property.

