

Immanuel Lutheran School

“Excelling in Christian Education”



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Sixth Grade

Immanuel Lutheran School, empowered by the Holy Spirit, leads children to know God as their Heavenly Father through the redeeming love of Jesus Christ, provides them with a quality education, and prepares and nurtures them to serve the church and community in Christian love.

Sixth Grade Curriculum

The curriculum of Immanuel Lutheran School, at all grade levels, meets or exceeds Missouri State Standards in all areas. Maximum class size is 25 students per classroom.

The purpose of Immanuel’s Middle School program is to help students become responsible Christian adults who serve and lead in the world in which they live. To that purpose, and most importantly, we teach Christ crucified. God tells us that we should not be of this world, but rather follow His will. Paul, in Romans, tells us not to conform to this world but rather be transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit. As students serve in this world as ambassadors of Christ until He returns, this change by the Holy Spirit should be evidenced in their decision-making, their care and concern for others, and their willingness to forgive. In addition, students are exposed to some of the experiences of high school such as multiple teachers and expectations, higher levels of responsibilities, study skills and strategies to help students be successful in their high school years and their careers in the work world.

Teachers offer an open house during Registration Days so that students and parents may meet teachers, visit homeroom, and preview some of the books and curricula used. There is also a “Back-to-School” night offered a few weeks after school has begun for parents so they may learn first hand from the teachers about the grading system, the curricula, and the responsibilities of students at each grade level and in each class.

Religion

The students learn about key concepts of faith such as Law, Gospel, repentance, forgiveness, grace, and living our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit as they study God’s Word, the life of Christ, and the history of the early Christian church. Sixth Graders have memory work including parts of the catechism and selected Bible verses.

The students attend chapel weekly, and also lead chapel once each year.

Additionally, each student is a member of a “Faith Family”. These are multi-age, student-led groups that meet every other month for devotional activities. On alternating months, Faith Families sit together for chapel.

Technology

PCs, Laptops and SMARTboards are used in the classroom on a regular basis. Students work in the computer lab twice a week.

Language Arts

Literature

The study of literature in the Sixth Grade focuses on the various types of literature. Several selections from each type—short stories, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, drama, and folk tales are read and discussed. Specific reading comprehension skills (identifying main idea, summarizing, paraphrasing, etc.) are practiced within each unit.

English

Students will improve their writing and oral communication skills through the study of grammar, punctuation rules and the writing process. Learning takes place through white board work, practice exercises, learning the rules of grammar and punctuation and various writing projects including biography, short story, descriptive writing and research papers. Students also have ample opportunity for journal writing. The text used is *Writing and Grammar* from Prentice Hall.

Spelling

Sixth Grade spelling focuses on spelling patterns and rules. Students improve their vocabulary and spelling through use of analogies, synonyms, and antonyms. Students complete weekly assignments as well as pre-tests and final tests. The text used is *Spelling Connections* from Zaner-Bloser.

Mathematics

Problem solving will be used to help students develop an understanding of important concepts, skills, procedures, and ways of thinking and reasoning in number and operations, geometry, measurement, algebra, and data analysis and probability. Some of the topics covered are factors, multiples, prime factorization, graphs, measures of data, fractions, decimals, percents, polygons, area, perimeter, and probability of outcomes.

Science

Fifth Grade students focus on using hands-on materials and working with the inquiry method to form scientific hypotheses. They conduct investigations and develop understandings in ecosystems, simple machines, systems of the body, and chemistry.

Social Studies

In social studies students focus on American History. They study the geography of the United States, Native Americans, explorers, Colonial life, slavery, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War. Students work in cooperative groups to prepare for presentations and debates.

Foreign Language

Each week the children participate in Spanish class. Our Spanish teacher visits each classroom weekly. Although the Spanish classes are mostly for enrichment purposes only, these lessons also have a cross-curricular purpose that both provide a foundation as well as build on knowledge in a variety of subject areas.

Music & Chorus

Fifth Grade has Chorus twice a week which focuses on vocal technique and performance. The study of this area is cumulative and sequential from earlier grades. Fifth Grade Choir sings for worship services once a month, Immanuel's Boar's Head Festival, the biennial Lutheran Elementary Schools Festival, and a biennial spring musical production.

Beginner's Band is an elective for Fifth Graders. Rehearsals are once a week in sectionals, and once each week as a full band. The group performs in Winter and Spring Concerts, and the biennial Lutheran Elementary Schools Festival.

Fifth Grade students may also: play in a handbell choir; have an acting role in Immanuel's Boar's Head Festival, and/or the biennial spring musical production; and/or participate in the Strings program, taking weekly private or semi-private lessons and playing with the Training Orchestra or Gloria Dei Strings.

Art

The purpose of the art program in Fifth Grade is to provide a positive art experience for all students through the use of a wide variety of media such as: drawing, painting, weaving, clay, and crafts. Art elements taught include areas of line, design, color, and study of artists. Students learn to express themselves in creative and individual ways. They use their observational drawing skills and experiment with cross-hatching and shading to create texture. They also use organic and geometric lines, vanishing points, and drawing in one-point perspective. Some projects integrate with other subjects, such as social studies and math.

Physical Education & Recesses

The Fifth Grade has PE twice a week, and two recess periods daily. Students continue to emphasize traditional team sports. Sport units last longer than at the Fourth Grade level. Skills are practiced and more games are played with care given to the official game rules. Fitness routines continue with greater emphasis on heart health by participating in many aerobic endurance challenges. Besides the traditional sports, the students will participate in many simple and fun team games that stress problem solving, cooperation, and teamwork. Jump roping is used not only to increase fitness, but to challenge the student's coordination. Various long jump roping stunts are learned to promote cooperation.

Wellness Program

Immanuel Lutheran School nurtures a student's social and emotional development through the counseling program. The counselor visits with students in the classroom for guidance lessons at least once a month, conducts small group sessions, and works with individual students by referral.

Fifth graders are taught *Counselor's Math* where they are able to see how their thoughts about a situation influence their feelings, which leads to their actions and ultimately produces a positive or negative consequence: S(situation) + T(thoughts) = F(feelings) → A(actions) → C(consequences). *Counselor's Math* can help them think through situations where they feel peer pressure and helps them to make informed decisions.

Fifth Grade Students may also participate in the following:

- Immanuel's Before- and After-care programs
- Cub/Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts
- 5th Grade Soccer or B Soccer (boys); Cross Country (boys & girls); 5th Grade Girls Volleyball, 5th Grade Boys Basketball; 5th Grade Girls Basketball; and Track
- DARE Program
- Geography Bee
- Spelling Bee