

# Trinity Lutheran School

## Academic Plan

In the 2008/09 school year Trinity introduced a multiage educational program. Although a change from the single grade level classrooms of previous years, it provides students with a greater opportunity to learn at a rate and level most appropriate to each in the core subjects of math and language arts. Trinity will maintain its strong elementary school program that has provided excellence in preparing students for high school for many years.

### Educational Advantages of the Program

- A master daily school schedule allows reading and math to be taught throughout the school at the same time.
- Students will be assessed in these two subjects with standardized assessments, present and past performance and teacher recommendation.
- Students who learn at a faster rate and are ready for a higher level, will be accommodated by working with other students of similar ability.
- Likewise, students who are working at grade level will be appropriately placed.
- Those who need instruction with review and reteaching of previous concepts, will be given that opportunity.
- With regular assessments throughout the year, students could move as their progress warrants.

The final piece of the concept is one that has always been in place and will continue without fail. Our teachers are caring and dedicated and under their watchful eyes each student will be kept safe and growing not only academically, but also emotionally, socially and spiritually.

### A Typical School Day Schedule

- At the start of a day, students will meet in their homeroom for religion or Chapel. Then, a school-wide reading and language-arts block occurs. It is followed by a school-wide math block. These blocks are at least an hour long and students will be taught in a section that best meets their level and rate of learning in reading and then math.
- In the afternoons all other curriculums are taught. An individual classroom schedule will be independent of another as each teacher fits in all subjects as well as schedules students for library, music, art, PE and computer classes that may be taught by other staff members. Departmentalization in the upper grades, lunch and recess breaks can further impact each schedule.

### Curriculum

- After the implementation year, curriculum taught in the multiage classrooms will be covered in two-year blocks (or three-year blocks at middle school) Teachers will determine the best sequence for subject matter to be taught while the students are in his/her classroom and to assure that all material will be covered.