

# **Curriculum Overview**

## **Grades 2 & 3**

### **Trinity First Lutheran School**

### **2009-2010 School Year**

#### **Religion-**

Textbook: *Voyages Exploring God=s Word* C. P. H.

Overview: This is a chronological study of God=s Word. The Old Testament focuses on those in the lineage of Christ. The New Testament focuses on the life of Christ and the early Christian church. We will also study the Young Peacemakers curriculum which is a Biblical response to conflict and resolution. Another key concept is how we are each uniquely created and gifted by God to serve in His Kingdom.

#### **Memory-**

Overview: Our Memory Curriculum focuses on learning passages from Scripture which can be applied to our faith walk. We also learn the books of the Bible, the 10 Commandments, the First, Second, and Third Articles and their meanings, and The Lord=s Prayer. We will memorize selected hymns and other Christian songs as well.

#### **Reading-**

Overview: We will improve our reading fluency and comprehension through reading strategies while reading various types of literature and practicing skills. Chapter Books written by various authors will be used in small group, large group, and individualized instruction throughout the year.

#### **English-**

Textbook: ***MacMillan/McGraw-Hill Language Arts***

Overview: We will focus on grammar as we learn the parts of speech. We will also focus on the writing process as we compose paragraphs, poetry, descriptions, stories, and letters.

## **Spelling-**

**Textbook:** *Houghton Mifflin Spelling and Vocabulary*

Overview: Through learning patterns in spelling we will work to improve our spelling skills. We will also learn to spell key words related to science and social studies curriculum areas.

## **Social Studies-**

**Textbook:** *MacMillan/McGraw-Hill Our Communities*

Overview: We will learn about people and places especially focusing on communities and government. We will look at communities from the past and present and communities near and far from us.

## **Science -**

**Textbook:** *Discoveryworks C. P. H.*

Overview: We will use the scientific process as we learn about various areas in the science field. Some of these areas include life cycles and roles of living things, forms of energy, Earth's water, and the sun, moon and earth.

## **Handwriting-**

Overview: We will use the handwriting curriculum *Handwriting Without Tears* as we review manuscript and develop cursive writing. Neatness counts in everything we write.

## **Art-**

Overview: Our focus will be on learning different artistic styles, while using various types of medium. Artistic concepts will tie into many other curricular areas. Focus will be put on the creative process and trying to do one's personal best as we complete various projects.

## **Physical Education-**

Overview: As we work to be physically active we will learn a variety of skills related to organized sports. Good sportsmanship and teamwork will be a key concept.