Welcome to School Age

Before and/or After Care

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Welcome to a brand new year here at Trinity Lutheran! I am so excited to see some of those familiar faces and brand new ones. A perk of having an ELC on site for Trinity families, is to have an on site Before and After Program! We are thrilled to be offering this program again this year, and during such an uncertain time.

My goal for before/after-care is to create a fun and safe environment for students to enjoy their afternoon with friends and to get their homework done. They will have homework time, indoor and outdoor play time, plus our activities we do together (but socially distanced).

Due to the current health crisis, fellowship hall has been set up to help students practice social distancing along with constant cleaning of all toys.

Homework areas will be assigned and spaced out to help practice social distancing. Handwashing will be practiced throughout the day, and students and teachers are required to wear masks.

I am so very excited to start a new great year with Trinity and can't wait to get it started!

All about Ms. Ashley

I am very excited to be working as a lead teacher here at the ELC. I have been working here for three years and I have seven years of experience working with children. I recently graduated from Harford Community with my associate's degree in theater performance, while also getting my school age children certification. I plan on attending Towson University to get my master's in education. My goal is to teach theater or history.

Something a lot of the children find interesting, is that I used to work at Disney World in 2015. I worked with children there too, but I also had many other jobs. In my year of working at Disney, I learned so many different things about many different children and I learned that working with children is my calling. I love watching the children learn, grow, and find their inner voice.

I am so excited for an amazing year with all of you!

Drop off for all before care will be near fellowship hall but WILL NOT be the flagpole doorway. The entrance will be to the left of this doorway. This door will also be the pick up spot for after care.

Before School

Upon arrival all children will wash their hands. 7:30- 7:50am Breakfast, which is included. Handwashing prior to and after. Activities during before care can include: Reading, art activities, games etc. We will also have a morning meeting in which we get centered for the day. 7:50 8:05am Middle School doop off at church

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8:20-8:30am – Lower School drop off at church doors to a LS teacher.

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After School

2:50-3pm-LS, MS arrival, wash hands upon entry

3: lOpm – snack set up, snack, handwashing afterwards

3:25pm – Homework/Quiet Time, teachers will monitor activities but will not be able to provide one on one assistance, tutoring, or check for accuracy.

3:45 — Wash hands/begin planned small group activities

4:30 - Gym/Outside play

5:15 – Wash hands, indoor play

Full Day Schedule (Snow Days/Closures)

- Arrival, handwashing
- Breakfast, handwashing
- Indoor free play
- Gross Motor outdoor/indoor free play, handwashing
- Indoor structured activity, handwashing
- Art/Cooking activity, handwashing
- Lunch, around 1130am, handwashing prior and after
- Gross Motor outdoor/indoor free play, handwashing
- Quiet reading, individual activity
- Class Choice
- Indoor free play, handwashing
- Snack, around 3pm
- Large Group, socially distanced, activity
- Art/Craft activity
- Indoor free play until pick up

Prize Board

Last year, I had a prize board that allowed students to earn different prizes throughout the year. This helped them build confidence and work as a team. Although we are still six feet apart, I have a new list of activities modified and able to perform still in their teams.

Students will be put into teams of four or more and at the end of each day, an assigned team leader will put their sticker on their board if they have earned it. They must earn it based on behavior, teamwork, trust, and skill. Points are earned but can be lost in some circumstances.

We have had prized vary from ice cream parties, to movie parties. The grand prize at the end of this year will be an ice cream sundae party. However, each week will have smaller prizes. This really seemed to interest the students last year so I am confident this will benefit them again this year.