

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**Curriculum in Language Arts**

*May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Psalm 19:14

*Scriptural Rationale:*

God's children have the ability to communicate with each other through listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Students need to develop and utilize their communication skills so their thoughts and ideas are clear to those around them. This will be essential when students proclaim their faith and share the message of God's Word with others. Additionally, it is essential for students to develop their literacy skills in order to understand God's Word as they read it, write about it, listen to it, and speak with others about it.

*General Objectives:*

Through a study of Language Arts, students will:

- Listen critically to different viewpoints and evaluate them using God's Word.
- Communicate their faith through writing and speaking.
- Apply their knowledge of phonics and word recognition to read God's Word.
- Utilize reading and writing strategies to assist them in their study of God's Word.
- Defend their beliefs by using biblical text to support their statements.
- Appreciate the structure of communication that God has formed for his creation.

*Curriculum Resources*

Teachers use a variety of resources to teach Language Arts at St. John's, including resources they create themselves to meet the needs and interests of their students. Please see below for a selection of the resources used at St. John's:

- [Happily Ever After](#) (K4)

- [SuperKids](#) (K5-2nd)
- [ReadyGen](#) (3rd-5th)
- [CommonLit 360](#) (6th-8th)