## Grades K-Sixth

- **Religion** God's Word is the heart of our curriculum. A survey of the entire Bible is completed in the grammar stage. In addition, we memorize many Bible passages and Luther's Small Catechism.
- Language Arts (Reading, Literature, Spelling, Grammar, Handwriting, and Composition) Spalding's *The Writing Road to Reading* is the basis of our language arts program. The objective of the Spalding program is to help all children learn to speak precisely, spell accurately, write proficiently, and read fluently with comprehension. Spalding is combined with a literature program and Shurley Grammar.
- ➤ *Mathematics* Saxon Math is an incremental approach that provides students a solid foundation in the language and basic concepts of math.
- ➤ *History* Focusing on Western Civilization, history studies follow a chronological survey: Creation, Egyptian Period, Greek-Roman Period, the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, American and Nebraska History.
- ➤ **Geography** A thorough study of the continents where the goal is to connect geography with the history, culture, and economy of the land. This includes mapping skills, continents, oceans, states, and countries learned through a variety of activities.
- > Science In the early grammar stages, the students study physical and life sciences. They are then introduced to a general systematic study which includes the scientific method, designing experiments.
- ➤ Latin Through the study of Latin student gain discipline, build an understanding of language structure, and enhance their English vocabulary.
- > Music and Art Students are instructed on three levels: creative, analytical, and instructive. Drawing lessons are the foundation of the art curriculum. In music, children are given many opportunities to sing, hear, and appreciate quality music. We believe that through these fine arts, the children develop observational skills and an appreciation for masterpieces by artists and composers.
- > Physical and Health Education The ancient ideal of "a sound mind in a sound body" is rooted in the view that the truly educated person has learned to manage his life physically, mentally, and morally. Therefore, basic physical and health education is taught in all grades weekly.