

**LESA**  
**Communication Arts Curriculum**  
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**Mission Statement**

As we embrace the Information Age, the ability to decode and comprehend the written word has become more important than ever before. The LESA Communication Arts Curriculum Guide has been written by a committee of teachers from the Lutheran Elementary School Association to provide the impetus for continuing improvement of the educational programs offered at our Lutheran schools and to provide opportunities for teachers to grow professionally. As teachers are better prepared to teach and children are better equipped for the world in which they live and function, God's Kingdom can flourish and His gospel can be more effectively spread to all. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

This curriculum guide has been written as a blueprint for teachers to assist students in realizing their God-given abilities for service in Prekindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond. Ultimately, the goal of the curriculum writing committee is that teachers will instill in students

- The ability to decode, comprehend, and process information
- A love of literature leading to life-long appreciation of various genres
- The skills to be life-long independent readers and learners

In order to achieve these goals, the committee identified four major strands for instruction which include:

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening and Speaking
- Information Literacy

**For the Reader and User of the LESA Communication Arts Curriculum**

A scope and sequence chart is included at the beginning of this Guide. It lists all objectives that should be taught from Prekindergarten through grade 8. You will note that there are also columns for activities and resources. Please note the addition of assessment resources and home school connection in the appendices.