

Social Studies

Young 5s students will investigate, explore, read and write about the following:

- 🍏 Family members and their roles
- 🍏 Interaction with people in their home and school environments
- 🍏 Various stages of their life (birth to present)
- 🍏 Community and school events
- 🍏 Personal needs versus wants
- 🍏 Learn about our state

Young 5s students will begin their study of Core Democratic Values by:

- 🍏 Taking turns and being fair to others (justice)
- 🍏 Following rules to keep safe (life)
- 🍏 Helping others (common good)
- 🍏 Telling the truth (truth)

Art, Music, Library and Physical Education

Art, music, library and physical education are included weekly in the curriculum. These areas of study are integrated throughout the thematic units.



Technology

Students use computers in their classrooms and in the computer lab. Software applications appropriate for this age group will support language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

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Young 5s "A Gift of Time"

Our half-day "Young 5s" kindergarten offers an alternative program for children whose parents feel that they are not yet ready for a traditional kindergarten experience. Students who participate in the Young 5s program will then return to their home school to enroll in kindergarten in preparation for success in first grade.

Parent's Guide to Curriculum

- 🍏 Students with birthdays between September 1 and December 1 are eligible to attend
- 🍏 Focuses on social development, following directions and work habits
- 🍏 Quality teaching and learning of academic and behavioral goals exist for each student in a caring, friendly environment
- 🍏 Curriculum is aligned with Michigan state standards and benchmarks and with more time spent on foundational skills
- 🍏 Curriculum is organized around themes that integrate conceptual learning with the arts, language development and kinesthetic movement

Social/Emotional Development

- 🍏 Accept rules and routines
- 🍏 Take turns
- 🍏 Play/work cooperatively with others
- 🍏 Show self control
- 🍏 Practice resolving conflicts
- 🍏 Accept responsibility for own actions

Work Habits

- 🍎 Follow directions
- 🍎 Join large group activities
- 🍎 Willing to try new activities and take risks
- 🍎 Seek help if needed
- 🍎 Work independently without disturbing others
- 🍎 Finish one activity before starting another
- 🍎 Perform a variety of classroom "jobs"
- 🍎 Use classroom material appropriately



Physical/Motor Development

- 🍎 Dress self
- 🍎 Jump, hop and skip
- 🍎 Bounce and catch a ball
- 🍎 Cut with scissors
- 🍎 Trace basic shapes

Reading/Language Development

- 🍎 Listen with interest to stories
- 🍎 Speak understandably in complete sentences
- 🍎 Communicate wants and needs verbally
- 🍎 Look at pictures and then tell stories
- 🍎 Retell a familiar story sequentially
- 🍎 "Read" books from front to back, left to right
- 🍎 Recognize rhyming words
- 🍎 Identify letter names
- 🍎 Recognize familiar print such as names, signs

Writing

- 🍎 Write first name
- 🍎 Choose own ideas to write about
- 🍎 Use drawings and letters to convey ideas
- 🍎 Know the difference between writing and drawing
- 🍎 Write recognizable letters to represent word
- 🍎 Hold pencils and crayons correctly

Math

- 🍎 Identify basic shapes
- 🍎 Identify and build simple patterns
- 🍎 Sort objects by color, size and shape
- 🍎 Recognize numbers (0-10)
- 🍎 Count at least 10 objects
- 🍎 Practice writing numbers
- 🍎 Notice the difference between letters and numerals
- 🍎 Count to 20
- 🍎 Counts by 1s, 5s and 10s
- 🍎 Builds number stories
- 🍎 Compares columns/rows on a picture graph

Science

- 🍎 Observes life around us
- 🍎 Builds with various objects
- 🍎 Participates in cooking & learning about food
- 🍎 Learns about safety at home & school

Life Science

- 🍎 Classify objects as living and non-living
- 🍎 Identify the five senses and choose which sense would be used for a given situation
- 🍎 Sequence the life cycle of various plants and animals
- 🍎 Identify and describe plants and animals
- 🍎 Identify needs of plants and animals

Earth and Space Science

- 🍎 Collect, graph and describe daily weather observations
- 🍎 Describe major features of Earth's surface such as lakes, rivers, mountains
- 🍎 Sort and describe rock collections

Physical Science

- 🍎 Describe light
- 🍎 Demonstrate and explain how to make and change shadows
- 🍎 Build ramps and describes what happens when different objects are put on the ramp
- 🍎 Describe sounds as high or low; loud or soft
- 🍎 Explore and describe characteristics of water