



Building a Bridge to Kindergarten

What Will My Child Learn in Young Fives?

Students in the Young Fives program in Romeo will experience an active, hands-on, and supportive classroom environment that emphasizes exploration, movement, play, and the arts to promote the learning of essential social skills and foundational kindergarten standards.

Social Skills

Social learning in Young Fives includes a focus on developing self-regulation skills as well as skills for interacting with others. Students will develop their ability to:

- Think before acting
- Transition between activities and settings
- Ask for help when needed
- Be responsible for personal needs
- Work and play cooperatively
- Actively participate in various group activities

Motor Skills

Students in the Young Fives program will develop fine and gross motor skills in a variety of ways:

- Through the use of art (cutting, gluing, painting, and coloring) develop hand muscles/ fine motor skills
- Draw and write with an appropriate grip
- Use large muscles in classroom and physical education activities

Math

Mathematics in the Young Fives classroom emphasizes developing number sense so that students can make connections and flexibly use numbers. Some key skills include:

- Count to 100
- Count to answer questions like, "how many" or "which is greater?"
- Compare groups of objects
- Develop concepts of addition and subtraction with objects and drawings
- Describe attributes of objects using measurement words such as "longer," "shorter," "heavier," etc.
- Understand the relationship between numbers and quantities

Literacy

Literacy in the Young Fives classroom incorporates foundational skills to provide students with a strong base for future success in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Some key skills include:

- Develop an understanding of books and the ability to communicate about what has been read
- Increase vocabulary
- Recognize and produce rhymes
- Identify sounds and syllables in words
- Read some high-frequency words
- Read and explore early reader texts
- Create stories using pictures and words
- Write first and last name correctly



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