

# ***Our Curriculum for Young 5's***

We believe children learn best through play. The classroom time is structured for a varied amount of whole and small group learning activities. We have circle time, and free choice center time where the child may choose a variety of activities consisting of Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Health and Safety, Social Studies, Sensory, Creative Expression and the arts. The curriculum also includes other gross/fine motor skills. We are a Christian preschool. We believe Bible stories that tell of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness are important. We have weekly Chapel Time and daily devotions. We promote Kindergarten readiness by helping children problem solve in social situations such as sharing, resolving conflicts, and developing self-help skills.

The Young 5 class was developed to bridge the gap between the preschool year and the full day, 5 day per week Kindergarten program. Social and academic focuses are the main component of the Young 5 curriculum. With two additional days STEM, Science, Social Studies and greater cooperative learning are infused with the strong PreK curriculum to create an all-around secure foundation to start their formal school career.

## **We learn about our world:**

Nocturnal Animals; Fall & Thanksgiving; Native Americans & Pilgrims; Christmas & Winter; Water; Traditions; Diversity; Valentines; Heath; Emotions; Careers & Safety helpers; Transportation; Space;Senses; Spring & Flowers; Insects and Spiders; Dinosaurs; Families & Pets; ; Easter; Rocks and Fossils; Art Appreciation/Artist studies; Author Studies; Book Reports; Weekly Reader; Vegetables/planting; Recycling; Summer Time

## **Discovery:**

Critical thinking; Problem solving; Investigation; Hypothesizing & predicting; Mixing; Sensory experiences; Science Experiments; Use of various technology

Most activities fit into several categories of learning at the same time.

**Social development is encouraged and strengthened throughout the day during all learning times.**

# Events for Young 5 Students

## Community Visitors (right here at LLP!)

- \*Healthy Visitor
- \*Soil and water Seed and Soil Visitor (Fall and Spring)
- \*Valparaiso Police Department
- \*Porter County Librarian
- \*Parents with special interests to share

## Family Engagement Activity – We try to plan one activity a month at our school that families may attend to enjoy our school experience!

August/Sept.	Parent/Child open house
October –	Harvest Party
November –	All School Carnival
December –	Christmas Program and Party
January –	Dudes and Donuts
February-	Art Show and Breakfast
March-	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April -	Easter Egg Hunt
May –	Mother's Day Tea
	Graduation

Service Projects: Your family is welcome to participate in any of our school service projects, which may include: Angel Tree for Christmas, Food Pantry Collection, Hilltop Donation, AMOS and others.

**Young 5's AM (M,T,W,Th,F) 9:00 – 11:30 AM; 4 & 5 years old. Should be 4 by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**

**Class size limited to 16 children.**

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**Young 5's PM (M,T,W,Th,F) 12:30 -3:00 PM; 4 & 5 years old Should be 4 by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

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