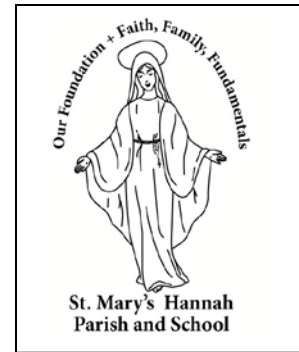


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Dear Parents,

We will again be offering a Young Five's Program starting in September because we know that not all five year olds are ready for kindergarten.

It has come to our attention that there are concerned parents who feel that their child may not be quite ready for a regular kindergarten program or that they may need some extra time to mature or gain some of the skills necessary to succeed in school.

Deciding when a child should start school is often a difficult one for parents who want only what is best for their child. You know your child better than anyone else and ultimately the decision is yours. Often parents think their child may need more time to gain school and social skills before kindergarten, but feel they haven't any options. We, at St. Mary's, would like to give you another choice.

Our Young Five's program would be part of a combined kindergarten/first grade classroom. In order to accommodate the special needs of young five year olds, their program would meet three full days a week: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Their program would be modified from the regular kindergarten program with special attention to their developmental needs. As part of a small classroom, they would be able to benefit from being with kindergartners and first graders, while learning and strengthening the skills they need for regular kindergarten.

As an experienced kindergarten teacher with additional certification in early childhood, I often see children who need extra attention and time to gain foundational skills and I would love to have the opportunity to work with your child and help them get off to a good start in school. If you are concerned about your child starting kindergarten and are not sure if they are ready, please consider our young five's program for this fall. If you are interested in this program or have questions or concerns, please contact the school at 263-5288. Let us, help you, help them!

Sincerely,

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