



## KINDERGARTEN & YOUNG FIVES LEARNING OVERVIEW

Caledonia's Kindergarten and Young Fives programs are tailored to the kindergarten curriculum, emphasizing both math and literacy instruction alongside the nurturing of social and motor skills. These programs offer a supportive environment where students can engage with the curriculum at a pace suited to their developmental stage. Learning is facilitated through hands-on interactive experiences, fostering a well-rounded educational foundation for both Kindergarten and Young Fives students.

Young Fives is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience, providing students additional time to develop foundational academic, social, and emotional skills before transitioning into kindergarten.

## KEY AREAS OF LEARNING

Students typically develop these skills as they progress through their Kindergarten and Young Fives experience.

### Language and Literacy

- Identify letters and letter sounds
- Rhyme and identify rhyming patterns
- Understand syllabication
- Identify beginning sounds
- Recall sight words
- Listen to a story and answer questions about it
- Understand the concepts of print
- Sequence the events of a story
- Independently write name, draw, and attempt to write about pictures
- Begin to use letter combinations in writing

### Mathematics

- Identify numbers 0–20
- Count the number of objects up to 30
- Count 1–100
- Compare quantities of objects
- Understand basic math concepts
- Copy, complete, and extend a pattern
- Interpret graphs

### Social-Emotional

- Demonstrate emotional regulation
- Listen attentively during instruction
- Follow 2–3 step directions
- Ask for help when needed
- Participate in small and large groups
- Demonstrate stamina during instruction and while completing tasks
- Engage cooperatively with peers
- Demonstrate positive social behaviors and problem-solving skills
- Practice appropriate play skills

