



WELCOME



Redford Union



Young Fives

Program Information



MacGowan Elementary School 18255 Kinloch Redford, MI 48240

Meet The Young Fives Staff



-  MacGowan Elementary Principal, Kathy Robbins
-  Young Fives Teachers- Terra Abraham and Kerry Vanairsdale
-  MacGowan Elementary Secretary, Sherry Wasielewski



Meet the Young Fives Teachers

My name is Kerry Vanairsdale I have been teaching in Redford Union Schools since 2003! Over the years I have taught Kindergarten through Third grade. I have a masters in Literacy Education from Madonna University. I am married and have three children Noah age 12, Charlotte age 10, and Lillian age 4. I love teaching Young 5's!



Hello, my name is Terra Abraham. I have had the privilege of teaching our students of Redford Union Schools for over twenty years, from Young Fives through Eighth grade! I graduated from Michigan State University in the area of Psychology, and have a Masters of Education . I love spending time with my husband, daughter and sons. Teaching Young 5's keeps me young at heart, and I love learning along with your children!

Benefits of being in the Young Fives Program



Student builds a strong foundation in essential learning skills in reading and math for Kindergarten.

Student becomes familiar with building procedures and staff.

Student creates friendships with students that could last through their primary education.

Student becomes comfortable with full day procedures such as using the cafeteria and switching classrooms for specials.

Student takes part in school wide assemblies, field trips, and field day activities!

Program has fall and spring conferences along with a Semester report card in January and June.

Program contains quarterly assessments to keep parents informed of academic progress.

Students given the gift of time to grow an additional year before beginning Kindergarten.

Is your child a Young Fives student?

- Child's 5th birthday is between July 1-September 1, of this year
(or waived, see next page)
- Shy personality
- Short attention span
- Play oriented
- Separation anxiety
- Difficulty in peer group situations
- Inability to calm themselves
- Overactive

The Young Fives program is offered to young students who would benefit from the gift of having more time to develop their social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills.

Our program is designed to build a strong foundation of these essential readiness skills within a child centered learning community.



WAIVER REQUEST

Children must be five years old
between July 1st and September 1st
to be eligible for this program



If your child is NOT 5 years old by September 1st,
but will be by **December 1st**,

(5th birthday is between September 2nd-December 1st)

parents may complete the waiver request

(please visit the Redford Union online registration to access this waiver)

A Day in the Life of a Young Five's Student!

Student arrival and greeting

Breakfast

Morning Meeting

Literacy Center:

- Imaginative play
- Language arts
- Interactive writing
- Fine motor area



Story Time

Special: Art, Music, Gym

Lunch

Recess/ Playground

Rest time

Story time

Math Centers:

- Working with numbers
- Puzzles, patterns, shapes
- Legos

Snack

Choice Time

Closing Circle



The Young Fives Program Offers:

- Full Day Program 8:15 - 3:15
- Free Breakfast and Lunch
- Transportation for Redford residents
- Before and After school Daycare (Kid's Club is available, for a fee, in the same building)
- Speech and Language services available to students who qualify
- Special Classes such as: Gym, Art, and Music
- Small class sizes (18 is capacity)



“Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write and count. It is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace that is right for each individual child.” - Magda Gerber



Thank you, for your interest in Redford Union Schools, we look forward to seeing you this Fall!

Please visit - <https://www.redfordu.k12.mi.us/enroll-now/> Redford Union School District Online Registration
(You will be contacted regarding your submission to confirm the status of your application)

or, you may contact- Kathy Robbins at robbink@redfordu.k12.mi.us

