

Welcome to St. Finbar School's Early Fives program! The Early Fives is a full-time program, five days a week, from 7:50a.m. to 2:50p.m. The main objective of the Early Fives program is to prepare our students for Kindergarten.

My name is Mrs. Odo, and I am the Early Fives teacher, with the assistance of Mrs. Shrode. This will be my eighth year working in Early Fives. Mrs. Shrode has worked as the First Grade Aide for the past six years, and this will be her first year with us in Early Fives. We are both busy moms, with children who have attended school here at St. Finbar since they were in Early Fives. I have a daughter, Madison, who will be entering 7th grade, and Mrs. Shrode has two sons, Caiden entering 7th and Carson entering 5th grade.

We look forward to welcoming your family into our community and building a relationship with you and your child. We have many fun, educational lessons and activities planned, as your children develop into confident young learners.

The Early Fives program focusses on cognitive and social development, interpersonal dynamics, fine and gross motor skills, language development, physical and intellectual growth, and faith formation. The program provides an environment in which students explore and learn through tactile, manipulative, and dramatic play. Students develop tools that will enable them to:

- problem-solve
- use abstract thinking
- build self-confidence
- learn self-regulation
- use their imagination
- develop leadership skills

The Early Fives curriculum will encompass and engage visual, auditory and kinesthetic learners, and will include the following:

Math

- Counting
- Numbers / Number of the Week
- Size and Measuring
- Shapes
- Patterns
- Time
- Sorting
- More or Less

Early Literacy

- Identifying and Writing Name
- Phonological Awareness
- Pre-Writing Skills
- Alphabet/Letter of the Week
- Print Concepts

Religion

- Prayers
- The Holy Family
- Saint of the Week
- Attend Mass

Science

- Colors
- Our Five Senses
- Life Cycles
- Magnets
- Weather
- Cooking

Social Studies

- Community Helpers
- Needs vs. Wants
- Country and State
- Transportation
- Holidays/Calendar
- The Pledge of Allegiance

Enrichment Classes

- Art
- Music
- P.E.
- Dance

Most importantly, we give thanks to God, as He guides us through our day. With Jesus in our hearts, we learn together, laugh together, and love one another.