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Dear 4YK Family,

For the past 12 years St. Francis School has partnered with the Ellsworth Community School District to offer a tuition-free 4-year-old kindergarten (4YK) program at our school. We wanted to make you aware of this option as you consider where to send your 4-year-old to school next year.

St. Francis School is a Catholic elementary school open to all faiths. We offer a hands-on, creative learning environment for our students to thrive as individuals. Character building is an essential part of our program, focusing on values such as being gentle, helpful, honest, kind, and respectful.

4YK classes are held Monday through Friday mornings from 8:05-11:05. Our curriculum follows the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. Early literacy curriculum focuses on pre-reading skills (rhyming, syllables, letter sounds, letter names, etc.) and math curriculum focuses on beginning math skills (shapes, patterns, reading numbers, writing numbers, etc.). We also focus on social and emotional skills to help develop conflict resolution and problem-solving.

Before and after school care is also available onsite at St. Francis.

In addition, our program offers:

- Small class sizes.
- Music class, technology class, and library.
- A safe and secure building.
- Bus services within the Ellsworth School District.

We invite you to call (715-273-4391) or email Mark Matzek, (mmatzek@stfrancisellsworth.org) to schedule a tour of our school and 4YK classroom.

Registering your child for 4YK at St. Francis is easy - simply check the box for St. Francis School on the registration form that you receive from the Ellsworth Elementary School.

We know choosing your child's school is a big decision and an important first step in ensuring your child a bright future filled with faith and knowledge. We want to assist you in making the decision that is best for your child and family. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our school office at 715-273-4391 or visit our website at www.stfrancisellsworth.org. We welcome you to become part of the St. Francis School family!

Blessings,

Mr. Mark Matzek