



St. Peter/St. Francis School

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St. Peter/St. Francis School is excited to announce the introduction of a new educational program beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. The school will follow a “Multi-Age Education” model beginning at the start of the fall semester. The school strives to provide the students of our community with a Catholic faith-based education while achieving high academic excellence. The multi-age model will offer a supportive learning environment where students can grow spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially. While this is a first for the school, this model is implemented in both private and public schools throughout the country. Multi-age education is based on the premise that all children can learn and should not be limited by the boundaries of grade levels. This will help the children establish a nurturing community of learners and leaders. Multi-age education celebrates diversity and encourages collaboration and leadership within the learning community. The students will flourish because in this program, there is a belief that it is the responsibility of the teacher to teach students first and standards second. This will allow the children to continue to learn and grow on their own continuous path rather than in a series of finite steps. Research shows that 58 percent of students have higher test results in a multi-age model than those in a traditional school setting. Students are also more likely to have accelerated cognitive development, higher self-esteem and great attitudes toward school. They become excited to learn. In addition, benefits come to older students from the quality of leadership and responsibility they develop, and younger children become more motivated intellectually by the older students.

According to Mrs. Jo-Anne Gauger, principal, “We are blessed to have the opportunity in Torrington to maintain a special school that honors our faith while offering an outstanding, well supported educational experience for our children. We are committed to the success of this model.”

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