

St. Therese Nursery

School October Newsletter



OCTOBER 1, 2014

Prayer to
St. Therese of
the Child Jesus

God, Our Father,
You promised
Your Kingdom

To the little ones
And the humble
of heart

Give us the grace

To walk confi-
dently in the way

Of St. Therese of
the Child Jesus

So that helped by
her prayers,

We may see Your
glory

And share in
Your Kingdom.

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS!

*Friday, Oct. 2nd
Four Year Old
Field Trip
*12:30
Rose's Orchard

* October Tuition
due by the first of
the month. Please
place in the box in
the nursery hallway.

Fall Festival
Sat. Oct. 24th!
11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Halloween Parades!
Oct. 29th 11:00 a.m.
Three Year Olds!
Oct. 30th Noon
Four year olds!

St. Therese, Our Patron

During the month of October we honor our patron saint, St. Therese. As our children enter each day they are greeted by our patron saint in our school foyer. St. Therese of Lisieux had faith in our Lord and served him from a young age. As you enter the building each day or exit, be sure to point out St. Therese in our foyer and how she is holding roses. The sign that your petitions to St. Therese

have been heard is that you will see roses. I had the blessing of St. Therese reach me when I was pregnant with my youngest child and searching for a name. One day I entered the storage closet in our school and reached for a high item. With that a bouquet of plastic roses fell on my head! That was definitely a sign and I named my daughter Adrianna Rose!

In the social media

world of today we are looking for electronic signs.

Take time to smell the roses and look for signs from God in our everyday like a robin flying by or a ladybug on a leaf. Model this for your children and soon they will be pointing out the wonder and awe of all that God has created for us in nature!

Each class will honor St. Therese by making flowers for her in our lobby and the church! God bless our patron saint!

Miss Michele & the Staff of
St. Therese Nursery School

Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 24th 11a.m.-3 p.m.

Our Fall Festival committee has been very busy planning this fun filled day for our school community! I have already forwarded a copy of our first meeting notes to our families. We have a second meeting planned for Friday, October 2nd at 9:15 a.m. Please feel free to attend and share your ideas! Again, if you are not able to attend, please see me or send an email with your input!

Sign ups for donations will be placed outside of each classroom. In addition sign ups have been posted for classroom theme baskets. If you know of anyone that is a vendor and would like to rent a table for the festival, please see me for a registration form. We are excited to announce that J. Roos will have a food tent with fried dough, hot dogs, hamburgers,

chicken fingers, and much more! Pray for good weather!

*A vendor letter is attached to this email!

Fundraising Committee:

If you signed up on the time and talent form to assist with our fundraising committee, we will be holding our first planning meeting in early November. The date will be posted in the next newsletter. Children are welcome! Please bring any ideas for our annual Pasta dinner/Silent Auction!

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Wednesday,
October 29th Noon!

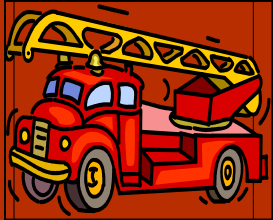
Three Year Olds:
Thursday,
October 30th
11:00 a.m.

In celebration of All Saint's Day and Halloween, the nursery school children will be involved in Halloween parades and blessings. The three year old parade will be held on Thursday, October 29th at 11:00 a.m. and the four year old parade will be held on Friday, October 30th at noon! All day students will return to class and remain all day on this day. If your child is an 11:30 or 12:30 pick up they will be dismissed after the parade. Due to the party, the lunch bunch students will not eat lunch in school that day. However, the all day students will eat after the parade. Miss Theresa's p.m. class will come to school at 11:45 a.m. to join in the parade. Each class will have a small Halloween party. Parent helpers will be chosen from the

Time and Talent form. If you are not chosen for Halloween, please be assured you will be chosen for another celebration throughout the year. We try to make it as equitable as possible with regards to our volunteers. Sign ups for Halloween party donations will be posted outside of each classroom. Please remember that we are a peanut/tree nut free school when selecting your item to send in.

You may invite as many friends and families as you like to the Halloween parade and blessing. Please wait in front of the fence for the parade. There will be a line for friends and family to stand behind for the parade. For

safety reasons, only the parent volunteers will be in school. The classes will parade around the front of the school and will be blessed for a safe and happy evening! Safety is of our utmost concern and for this reason we will be blessing the children in front of the school with our families remaining behind the line. Please understand that this is the first time that many of our children will encounter an experience where there are so many adults gathered. This is a developmental milestone and we focus on making all of the children feel comfortable in this new situation. The main goal of the staff is to ensure the safety and comfort level of our students. To our staff, many of the faces in the crowd are unfamiliar.



Fire Engine Visit for Fire Safety Month!

October is also fire prevention and awareness month! The children will be reading books and discussing fire safety in their classroom! Please discuss a fire exit plan for your family and practice this life saving technique.

Each family should also have a meeting spot outside their home. My children and I chose the big tree in our front yard as our meeting point. The North Haven fire department will visit our school as a culmi-

nating activity on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 6th Threes

Wednesday, October 7th Fours

If your child attends a p.m. fours class, they may attend the visit with a parent on those days!

Service Projects Fill the Pantry!

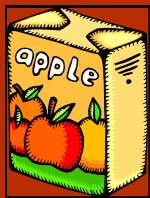
Each month we try to incorporate a service project into our curriculum. To kick off the year we will be helping fill a food pantry for an inner city program called Samaritan Services. Many of you may be familiar with this program as our parish has a collection bin in the church

hall for non-perishable items. Please have your child fill the kid size pantry in our lobby!

In November you will notice a Christmas Tree in our foyer! Have no worries, we are not trying to push ahead for a holiday!

We will be collecting items

that are learning related for our Tree of Hope for Ronald McDonald House. Additional information will be provided in the November newsletter. However, if you see some good sales now on school items, you can save them for our tree, Learning is a Journey, not a destination!



Just a few reminders!

As we progress into the school year just a few reminders to our new routines:

- *Please remember to sign your child in and out each day as this is the manifest in case of an emergency.
- *Please be sure to cut up any fruit (except bananas) if you are sending them in for lunch per our state mandate.
- *If your child is out sick, please leave a message on the school machine or an email so we can notify the teacher of their illness. Thank you!

Change in Calendar!

*Please note, due to a scheduling conflict, the four year old feast will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 11:30 a.m.

*The three year old feast will still be held on Thursday, November 19th at 10:30 a.m.

*Children who attend school until 3:00 p.m. will return to their classrooms after the feast and have a regular dismissal unless you opt to have them leave from the feast.

Flu Shot/Temporary Medications



The State of CT Department of Public Health requires all children in early childhood programs to be immunized with the flu vaccine by December 31, 2015. I will need a copy of verification that your child has re-

ceived this vaccination. If you choose not to have your child receive this vaccination, a letter of medical or religious exemption must be provided. Please see me with any questions. Thank you!

Many times our children are on a temporary medication for an infection or other matter. In order to ensure the safety of our students, please submit a note or request a temporary medication form stating the type of medication, dosage, and duration of administration. You may also email this information. In the event of an emergency, we would want to provide this with medical personnel.

Playgroup!

In an effort for younger children to acclimate to the early childhood setting, we offer a playgroup for children ages two to four that are not currently in an early childhood program. The playgroup is facilitated by myself and a

teacher assistant. Parents or grandparents remain with the children during the playgroup. The session is set up as a typical day in a preschool classroom with art activities, center activities, indoor and outdoor play! If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please have them contact the nursery school for registration.

I have also attached a copy of the Playgroup Registration to this email for any of our siblings or if you have a friend or family member that is interested!

Playgroup schedule October:

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13th

Tuesday, October 27th

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Learning is a journey, not a destination!

Our History

St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and 4 staff members. We now have almost 100 students, 3 classrooms, a pre-k program, and a staff of 10!

Our Mission

The mission of St. Therese Nursery School is to nurture the student and the family within a community of learners. Our mission will be:

*to provide a safe learning environment where our children can learn through developmentally appropriate experiences.

*these experiences and play reflect continuous spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive, and physical growth and development.

*our families are recognized as central to the well being of the child.

*our staff is valued for their dedication and commitment to the students

We believe learning is a journey, not a destination!

Date to keep in mind!

Columbus Day!

Reminder! There is no school on Monday, October 12th in honor of Columbus Day!



School Pictures!

We will be holding school pictures by David Frost in the month of October. I will be solidifying a date with David shortly and will let you know as soon as possible! The pictures are in before the holidays!



Picture Posts!

Just a reminder to our families, in this social media world we are all posting pictures of events in our lives! As we begin a series of school events that invariably will be captured on film, just a reminder that when taking pictures of your children, be mindful of other children in the pictures. Some families prefer that their children not be posted on social media websites. Thank you for your assistance in this delicate matter.