

# St. Therese Nursery

## School October Newsletter



OCTOBER 2017

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.

### St. Therese, Our Patron

During the month of October we honor our patron saint, St. Therese. 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 will be placing petals colored by the children for you to write prayer intentions on to St. Therese.

As always, the children will make flowers to present to St. Therese here in our school as well as at church. The four year olds visit the church and take a tour of the stained glass windows of her life.

Our patron saint is the saint of missions. She inspires us and our children to help others in need. You will soon see a kid's kitchen in our foyer for our October service project of "Fill the Pan-

try". This year we will be filling our food pantry with items for the new Ronald McDonald House pantry. They are in need of the following: cooking oil, individual snacks, paper goods, disinfectant wipes, laundry detergent, and fabric softener.

Thank you in advance for sharing your faith and devotion and Growing in God's grace!

In God's Peace,

Miss Michele & the Staff of  
St. Therese Nursery School

### Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 28th 11a.m.-3 p.m.

Our Fall Festival is right around the corner! This is a great seasonal event where you will be able to go on a hayride, pick a pumpkin to decorate, bounce in the bounce house, enjoy lunch, savor cookies made by the children, shop at vendors, and purchase raffle tickets for classroom baskets! I will be sending home a letter with areas of assistance

highlighted in yellow! You are welcome to invite family and friends. The tickets need only be purchased for children! Parents and adults ride the hay wagon for free! I will be sending order forms home shortly!

Sign ups for donations will be placed outside of each classroom. In addition sign ups will be posted for classroom theme baskets.

\*Want to help bake cookies with the children for the festival or make baskets! Look for the sign up or email me!

\*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

# Halloween Parades & Blessings!

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Four year Olds:  
Friday,  
October 28th Noon!

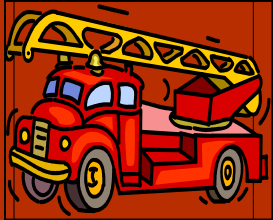
Three Year Olds:  
Thursday,  
October 27th  
11:00 a.m.

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 26th at 11:00 a.m. and the four year old parade will be held on Monday, 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, 12:00, or 12:30 pick up they will be dismissed after the parade. P.M. students will begin their day with the Halloween parade arriving 15 minutes prior to the start. All day students will eat lunch in school on this day and lunch bunch will eat at home as the party and parade will proceed their dismissal. 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. Costumes are to be sent to school with each part labeled in one big bag. The teachers and parent volunteers will assist the children in dressing. Please try to avoid any scary masks and fancy shoes as they impede walking.



## 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 . The dates will be posted shortly! If your child attends a p.m. three year old class, they may attend the visit with a parent on those days!

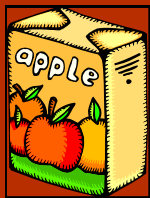
## Service Projects Fill the Pantry!

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 Ronald McDonald House food pantry 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 give Miss Michele any important documents either in hand at arrival or in the school mailbox.
- \*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!



## Bishop Pie/ Bread

### Thanksgiving Orders!

Enjoy a fresh baked local pie or bread! Order forms will be sent home soon!

## 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, 2017. 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 and notarized. 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 10th

Tuesday, October 24th

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**Learning is a journey, not a destination!**

**Be sure to like us on  
Facebook!!!!**

## 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!**

## Dates to keep in mind!

### Columbus Day!

Reminder! There is no school on Monday, October 9th in honor of Columbus Day!

## School Pictures!



We will be holding school pictures by David Frost on the following dates:

### Three Year Olds:

Thursday, November 2nd

### Four Year Olds:

Friday, November 3rd

\* Order forms sent home soon!

\*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.**