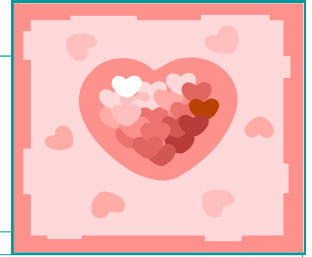


St. Therese Nursery School

February 2018 Newsletter



Dear Families,

Happy Valentine's Day! The month of February breaks up the doldrums of winter with pink and red! Our February service project of Valentine's from Veterans is one of my favorites. The children love making Valentines and who better to receive them than our veterans! February 14th also marks Ash Wednesday this year with the beginning of our Lenten season. Our children will receive ashes in class and our parish of *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* Ash Wednesday schedule is:

8AM -Mass- St. Frances Cabrini

12:15PM-Mass- St. Barnabas
4:30PM- Service- St. Therese Church

6PM- Mass -St. Barnabas
The teachers and I have been planning for the remainder of the year and upcoming years as we strive to provide an early childhood experience that prepares them for the transition to kindergarten.

You may notice your children singing songs that correspond to the letters of the alphabet or making ten frames to represent numbers. All of these experiences are key to providing consistent and repetitive opportunities as a

strong base for the future. Equally important is the social and emotional growth of our little friends. We are practicing mindfulness in yoga, compliment circles, and mindful experiments. Remember when you ask your child how their day was, try to frame it with the question, "What made you laugh today?" You will be amazed by the detailed responses! Thank you again for sharing your children with us! We love what we do!

Miss Michele & the Staff of STNS

We are on Facebook! Be sure to like us and share with family and friends! #learning inaction #18yearsstrong



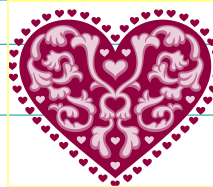
Updated STNS Website! can you help?

We are currently updating our website to provide a parent friendly version for our families to reference! Monthly newsletters are emailed and paper mailed home each month. In addition, we have postings on our website for your reference. We

also post on our Facebook experiences during the day so that you can see a snapshot of what your child is experiencing!

Both our website and Facebook have testimonials from our families about our program. The kind words and support of our

families is what has made us grow for the past 18 years! If you would like to send me an email or letter sharing why we are the first stop on your child's learning journey to post on both sites it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you again for taking the time in our busy world to share!



Valentine's Day!

In celebration of Valentine's Day, each class will have a Valentine party in their classroom. Three year olds will celebrate on February 13th and four year olds on February 14th. Parent volunteers have been notified by the classroom teacher as we generate our parent volunteers from the Time and Talent form that you completed in the fall. We hope this helps with everyone's schedul-

ing!

Sign ups for items to bring in for the party have been posted outside each classroom. Please remember that we are a peanut/tree nut free school when preparing a treat.

Please be sure that if your Valentine's include a food treat that it is peanut/tree nut free!

Each child should bring in enough valentines for their friends signed only with their name. Your child's classroom teacher newsletter this month will include the party date and the number of Valentines needed for your particular class.

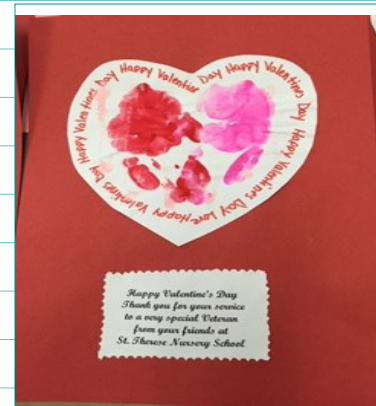
Please do not write the names of each student on each envelope or goodie bags as this makes it confusing when the children are mailing them.



Valentine's for Veteran's

Each February our students make Valentine's for the veterans at the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven This was started many years ago by Dear Abby in the newspaper! The hospital uses the decorations for both inpa-

tients and outpatients. If you know of any veterans in your circle of family or friends, please let me know. We would be more than happy to make some Valentine's and mail them!



Dental Hygiene Month



February is dental hygiene month! We will be reinforcing good brushing techniques and the care of our teeth through books, songs, and activities. We

even add giant teeth and toothbrushes to our sensory tables for the children to practice brushing! Our four year olds will be visited by Fiona's mom, Mrs. Kingston and our three year olds by Shae's mom, Mrs. Kelley to

share about dental hygiene!

If you need information on selecting a pediatric dentist, check with your health care provider for a list of approved pediatric dentists in the area.

Registration for the Fall 2018!

Registration for Current Students & Siblings!

Packets have been sent home! Please complete and return a.s.a.p.!

Our four year old program is offered as half day, full day, and even five days! We are working on an exclusive five day four year old program next year to meet the needs of our students and

families. If you have any questions regarding the best placement for your child please check with your child's current teacher. If you would like to schedule a visit of a four year old classroom, please see Michele.

You will receive a letter in the beginning of April regarding your child's placement. If you have any questions or require any

changes, please see me as soon as possible. Teacher assignments will be sent home in the August mailing and teacher assistant assignments will be assigned to classrooms over the summer. You will have an opportunity to meet them at Meet & Greet. If you have any questions regarding program choices for your child, please let me know!

Our annual Pasta dinner/Silent auction! SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 27th!

Each year we hold a pasta dinner/silent auction to raise funds for our program supplies as well as a donation to a local charity. For the past few years we have held the event off site at a wedding facility. This year we are going "old school" and holding the event here at the church hall. This is a huge undertaking with silent auction items and raffle items being donated. I have attached a copy of last year's program for your reference. We will be sending out an additional letter regarding donations and advertising in our

program book. We have kid activities to keep our little friends busy as well! This is a wonderful family activity for parents and grandparents!

We are always looking for volunteers and realize that many people may not be able to attend meetings! There is always something you can do from home to contribute!

This year's theme is "Growing a Garden"! Our teachers are already planning on framed artwork for display!



***Next
Meeting:
Monday,
February
26th 12:30
p.m. in the
meeting room!
Kids welcome!**

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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 children and families of St. Therese Nursery School community.

*we believe learning is a journey, not a destination.

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not a destination!**

February Break Four Year Old Kindergarten Prep Work!

**School will be closed for February break as posted in our calendar from Monday, Feb. 19th through Friday, Feb. 23rd.
Be safe in the snow!**

As you register your child for kindergarten you will receive a few forms that we can help you with! I am sending home a copy of each child's current health record that is on file for you to submit for registration to kindergarten. You will also receive a form to be completed by your child's teacher that we mail directly to the school per their request. Please be

Sure to submit them as early as possible to us to ensure they reach the school on time for placement. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to inquire as we are more than happy to help you with this transition as we are your first stop on the learning journey!