



NOVEMBER, 2024 St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Preschool

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Your monthly guide to the preschool information and events.

The beautiful season of Fall is here. Autumn brings cooler weather, colorful leaves, and family fun activities.

October at St. Catherine's Preschool was filled with tons of fun! On the Feast of St. Francis, the children brought in their favorite "stuffed" pet. Our pastor, Fr. Neil talked with the children about this great saint who loved all of God's creations. Then the children were led in a fun song, "Good Saint Francis Had a Farm....." Everyone had a blast!

On the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, each child received a blessed Rosary made by the St. Catherine's Rosary Makers ministry. We prayed a decade of the Rosary together in the Church with Fr. Neil. The children were so reverent. It was a beautiful morning.

The children have settled into their daily schedules as we enter the 12th week of school. "How Many To Break It" was the theme for their Fab Science class with Ms. Melissa. The children learned all about estimating and predicting the outcome of their science projects.

Movement class with Ms. Karen Grantham is a favorite time for all. The children have been working on hopping and galloping. They are also working on throwing with bean bags and kicking with playground balls. It is so fun to hear their squeals of laughter as they work on their gross motor skills.

The sweet sounds of music with Ms. Pat fill our hallways. The preschoolers' sweet voices accompanied by bells, maracas, xylophones, tambourines, and more are delightful. Songs about Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the playlist right now as the children prepare for these exciting holidays.

We ended the month with our amazing Halloween festivities. The costume parade was so colorful. Thank you to Mr. Peter Dudasko for taking the preschoolers on the best hayride ever. The children also got to visit the St. Catherine's Preschool Pumpkin Patch and take home their own pumpkin. Thank you to our room moms and party moms for such fantastic classroom parties. It was a super way to end the month – TOGETHER!

St. Catherine's preschoolers are off to a fantastic start. Thank you for being so supportive of our preschool. We are truly grateful for each one of you.

Blessings,


Director

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NOVEMBER

Religious Theme

“Thankful”

Religious Thought

“Give Thanks to God”

Church Words

Altar

Faith Words

Statues

Holy Hero (Saint)

November 1st – Feast of All Saints
September 27th – St. Vincent de Paul
– Pantry Corner

Monthly Prayer

Prayer to the Saints

Wee 2 and 2's Manner

“Manner: “Helping Others” – God’s rules help
us to live

3's Virtue

GIVING – “I share with others”

K-4's and 5's Commandment

#3 – “Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day”

K-4's and 5's Monthly Seeds of Faith

G – God is love (1 John 4:8)

H – Honor your father and mother
(Exodus 20:12)

I – If you ask anything in my name, I will do it
(John 14:14)



Dear Parents,

I feel incredibly blessed to be able to teach Bible class to the children. In October Bible class, we used the story of Noah’s Ark to teach the two-year-old students about their monthly manner – taking turns and the three-year-old students about their virtue – patience. The animals had to be patient and wait their turn to enter Noah’s ark two by two. The twos and threes had fun with our large wooden ark and letting the animals take turns entering. The students also helped tell the story of Noah’s ark with an interactive felt board. They all learned about the meaning of the rainbow – that God always keeps His promises.

I read the Parable of the Pumpkin with the K-4’s and 5’s students. Then we read the Pumpkin Prayer together as we constructed a perfect pumpkin. I am so impressed with how well our K-4- and 5-year-old students are doing with learning the 10 Commandments. Ask your K-4 and 5-year-old preschooler to tell you the first two commandments. They even have motions to go with them.

Thank you to all the parents who helped their children complete and read the “Hail Mary” coloring page at home. Over 50 students returned them. I was so proud of them!

It is a true joy to share all the rich treasures of our Catholic faith with your children.

Blessings,

Karen Pickens
Director



UPCOMING BIBLE CLASSES
NOV. 18-22

BE A PART OF THE ST. CATHERINE PRESCHOOL FAMILY TREE

A few weeks ago, you received a letter asking for a picture of your family for our St. Catherine Preschool Family Tree. This beautiful tree is located in the main preschool hallway. We always talk with the children about how wonderful and important our families are. The children LOVE to look for their family when they go to music, movement, or the library. The tree is amazing. Thank you!



TWO'S PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you to all the parents that participated in the conferences for their two-year-old children. This is always a great time to talk about the first 8 weeks of school for your little ones. We hope these conferences proved to be fruitful.

FALL EVALUATIONS

The week of October 28th you received your child's Fall evaluation for the first 8 weeks of school. We hope this evaluation gave some insight into the areas of concentration that we are working on with each age level. If you have any questions or would like to speak with your child's teacher, complete the form attached with your child's evaluation and return it in your child's school folder. Communication between family and school is incredibly important to us here at St. Catherine's Preschool.

THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

A loving thank you goes out to our Teacher Appreciation Committee (T.A.C.) for the delicious lunch at our October staff meeting. The pot pies from Paul's were awesome. Your kindness warmed our hearts. Lauren Blond (James' mom) and Ashley Bauer (Mary's mom) lead this committee. We are truly blessed.

NEW WEES PLAYGROUND

We are so grateful to a very generous preschool family who is sponsoring our soon to be new Wee 2's playground. No more mulch – we will have turf and a miniature version of our big playground for our youngest preschoolers. The new playground will take the place of the old one and will be located next to our Outdoor Classroom. We have been told construction should begin in mid-November. We are so excited!





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November 10th, 3:30pm
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2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				All Saints Day 1 10:30 a.m. – All Saints presentation for K-4's and 5's students in the Church	2	3
4	5 Preschool closed – Election Day	6	7 ART SHOW see attached schedule	8 ART SHOW see attached schedule	9	10
11 Celebrate Veteran's Day	12 Science class	13 Science class Noon dismissal for all students No lunches	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Children's Thanksgiving Feast	21 Children's Thanksgiving Feast	22	23	24
25	26 Preschool closed for Thanksgiving Holidays	27 Preschool closed for Thanksgiving Holidays	28 Preschool closed for Thanksgiving Holidays	29 Preschool closed for Thanksgiving Holidays	30 Preschool closed for Thanksgiving Holidays	

APPRECIATION

FuturePRESCHOOLERS



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ART NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! St. Catherine's Preschool Art Show Week will begin on Monday, November 4th. The actual Art Show performance will be on Thursday, November 7th and Friday, November 8th. This event is so much fun! This year our theme will be centered around Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes.

This fun-filled week will include many engaging events. Here are some highlights:

- Each student will create a unique 9 x 12 framed art piece that is themed after one of Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes
- Each student will create a beautiful keepsake ornament that goes with their classroom Nursery Rhyme
- Each class will present fantastic musical entertainment
- Movement class will host many games and activities around the theme
- There will be "hands on" activities for students throughout the week

Again, this year we will couple with an amazing company – Artome. This company will have a website where you can go and view your child's art. The wonderful thing is that you can buy your child's original art piece and order as many copies as you would like to give to special relatives and friends. This website is very informative, and each class will have a specific icon where you can visit to see your child's art. The website will be live on Thursday, October 31st.

We are so excited that on November 7th and 8th, your child's original art will be displayed in rooms 316/317 of our preschool building for you to view in person. Below is a schedule with a specific day and time that you can come and enjoy the musical performances from your child's class, view their fantastic art, keepsake ornament and have a special treat with your child. All this just in time for a wonderful and meaningful Christmas gift for a special grandparent, aunt, uncle, or close friend!

Because we are so excited about this event, we are asking that all parents and preschoolers wear their great royal blue spirit-wear t-shirts.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Halloween Day festivities and our 12th annual Art Show!

AdditionalINFO

2024 Art Show Music Schedule

Thursday, November 7th

9:30am	Ms. Nicole/Ms. Maribel 2's
10:00am	Ms. Karen/Ms. Luisa K-4's
10:30am	Ms. Stephanie/Ms. Nakole 3's
11:00am	Ms. Brandi/Ms. Dawn 2's
11:30am	Ms. Nelly/Ms. Megan Wee 2's

Friday, November 8th

9:30am	Ms. Karen/Ms. Deborah 3's
10:00am	Ms. Mika/Ms. Lynn 3's
10:30am	Ms. Jean/Mr. Matt K-4's
11:00am	Ms. Pam/Ms. Janet 5's
11:30pm	Ms. Nelly/Ms. Rosa 2's





(Rear-facing)



(Forward-facing)



(Forward-facing)



(Forward-facing)

Birth - 12 months

Always keep your child in a rear-facing car seat, in the back seat.

NEVER place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active airbag.

***Age 1 - 3 years**

Keep child rear-facing until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's instructions. Then your child is ready for a forward-facing car seat in the back seat.

*American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends a rear-facing car seat until 2 years of age or until they reach the highest rear-facing height or weight allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

Age 4 - 7 years

Keep child in a forward-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's instructions. Then your child is ready for a belt-positioning booster seat in the back seat.

Age 8 - 12 years

Keep child in a belt-positioning booster seat until he or she is at least 4'9" tall for a seat belt to fit properly. For a proper fit the lap belt must lie snug across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt should lie snug across the

Georgia Law Requires

Children under 8 must be properly buckled in an approved car seat or booster seat in the back seat.

Car Seat Recommendations

- Choose a car seat based on your child's size (height & weight).
- Read your car seat's instructions for use and installation information.
- Read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system.
- Keep your child in the car seat as long as the child fits within the height or weight limits.
- Keep your child in the back seat until age 13.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

As we approach the feast day of St. Jude (October 28th), the patron saint of desperate and hopeless cases, we would like to ask your assistance. We work with our preschool children each day to do their best to be more like Jesus and to be a good friend and help those in need.

St. Catherine's Preschool would like to try and reach our arms out to the community around us by hosting a canned food drive beginning on Friday, November 1st and ending Friday, November 15th.

We are asking you to work with your preschooler at home to do extra chores around the house to earn money. With this earned money, we would like for you to buy some non-perishable food items to donate to our Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

We will be stacking the non-perishable food items on a display in the main hallway of Our Lady of Grace for the children to see daily. Please talk to your children at home about giving to others and always working to help those in need as Jesus did.

As always, thank you for your strong and valued support.



NOVEMBER 11TH IS VETERANS DAY

We will be celebrating Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th. St. Catherine's Preschool wants to recognize all veterans on this special day. All students and staff will wear red, white, and blue. As a preschool, we will gather together to recite the pledge of allegiance and sing God Bless America and the Colors of the Flag. We will discuss what this important day means.

We would like to honor those military veterans who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. We will announce the names during our Veteran's Day gathering and each class will honor those specific to their class in morning circle time.

If you would like to have someone honored on this day, please fill out the form that was sent to you in your child's folder and return it to the preschool by Thursday, November 7th.

We thank you all for your service to our country.

