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Dear NCECC: St. Therese Families,

Welcome to the Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center-St. Therese. It has been a great start to the new school year! Thank you for being part of NCECC-St. Therese, we appreciate being partners with you in the educational journey of your child.

September was a wonderful month and went by quickly. At the center we have been trying to take advantage of the warm weather and enjoy outdoor play as long as possible. In addition, the teachers and children have been busy exploring all those beginning of the year concepts: Apples, Yellow School Buses, exploring the classroom setting and making new friends.

It seems like we just had our first day of school and now October is here. October is a beautiful month; the leaves continue to change to reds, orange, yellows and there is a crispness in the air. The month of October and the fall season provide a multitude of teaching and learning opportunities for our young friends. We have planned; a visit from the Fire Department, visit a pumpkin patch and celebrate Halloween. It is exciting to be able to go out and explore. Every day is a new adventure!

We thank you for your continued support of NCECC-St. Therese

Happy Fall!

God Bless,  
Amy Faust, Site Director



Autumn brings to the soul relief,  
as hot Summer days slip to an end  
God sent the season for weary hearts  
to restore, repair and mend. Unlike the Autumn trees,  
that shed their changing leaves  
God sent the season for failing hearts  
to adhere, embrace and cleave. Just as with the Autumn winds,  
there comes a refreshing rain  
God sent the season for fraying hearts  
to increase, grow and gain. The Autumn sun is slow to climb,  
and dips earlier into the night  
God sent the season for sleepy hearts  
to rise, shine and awake in His light. God gave to us the Autumn season,  
so we could have a respite and rest  
for it is the season for our beset souls  
to see how much we are truly blessed

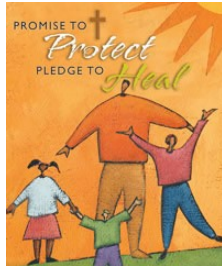
## Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC—St. Therese

### Parent Reminders:

- The beginning of the school year means updating paperwork. If you have any paperwork that you have not turned in yet, please do so.
- Please remember to initial your child's attendance sheet each week.
- Please remember that child care tuition can be made through your Skyward account, using e funds.
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Fall is here!! Please make sure that your child(ren) are coming to the center with a jacket or sweatshirt daily. In addition, it's that time of year to check spare clothing buckets. Please remember to bring in a complete set of weather and size appropriate spare clothing. (shirts, pants, socks, underwear and shoes) Finally, if you do have spare clothing that belongs to the center, please return.



### DIocese of La Crosse GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or [kbecker@cclse.org](mailto:kbecker@cclse.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: [www.dioc.org](http://www.dioc.org). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608-791-2679; or [dkunz@dioc.org](mailto:dkunz@dioc.org).



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Thank you, to all the parents who have brought in plastic bags, extra toys, and clothes for the center!

We are greatly appreciative for the continued support we receive from all the parents.



### 4K News

We did it! We made it through the first full month of school! We have learned so much about each other and have spent a lot of time talking about how to make kind choices in the classroom. We started our pom pom jar and are working hard to make good choices so we can fill it up to earn a class pajama & movie day. The month of October is sure to be a busy one for us in 4K. We have a few field trips coming up; on the 9<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Schairer's Autumn Acres in Birnamwood to explore their pumpkin patch and corn maze, pet some very cute animals, and have a picnic lunch in their barn (be sure to pack a lunch that day!). The week after we will be having some firefighters come and talk to us and show us the equipment that they use to help us and we will get to see their fire trucks and ambulance. Our focus for the month of October will be talking about the changes we see in the fall such as the leaves changing colors, animals searching for food, and those animals who fly south for the winter. We will be working on the letters G-N and working on patterns. Just a reminder that there is no school October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Chris

## Classroom News

### Little Einstein's (Infant/Toddlers)

In the month of October we will be learning all about Fire Safety, Scarecrows and Squirrels, Falling Leaves and Changing Leaves, Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Fun, and lastly Spooktacular week. Watch for fun activities the children do, to follow the themes. Our friends Maci will turn 2 on October 18th and Waylon will turn 2 on October 26th. They will be transitioning to Explorer room. Reminder, we go outside when the temperature is 20 degrees or above, and the "feels like" temperature is 20 degrees or above.

Ms. Brittney, Ms. Chris G. and Ms. Hailey

### Explorer's (2/3 yr. olds)

Hello October,

It is finally Fall!!! With that being said, please start thinking about and bring in a hat and mittens. We go outside at 9:00am to about 9:45am and some mornings are cold. **Please make sure your child's name is inside of the items to help us out and avoid them getting mixed up or lost.** One of our self help skills, is having them put their own belongings away. Having items labeled, helps us, if an item is misplaced. We will be having a fun October. We will be learning about Fire Safety, Scarecrows and Fall things, Fall Harvest, Fall Leaves, Changing Trees and Halloween. Have a Great October,

Ms. Jenny and Ms. Jennifer

### Jungle Room (3/4 yr. olds)

We had a great first month of school. We're pleased to see how well the children are adapting to their new environment. They are remembering our classroom routine and following the classroom rules. Many of us have made new friends, and feel more comfortable coming into the classroom. Thank you for all your support and cooperation with this transition. We greatly appreciate it. October is Fire Safety month, along with learning about firefighters and safety, we are eagerly anticipating a visit from the local fire station. We will be having school/class pictures taken this month. Please watch for dates and times. If you are not scheduled to come in that day, we still encourage you to come in for a photo. Please let us know ahead of time. Child health day is celebrated in October. Consciously modeling behaviors such as washing hands, sneezing/coughing into your elbow in front of your child will encourage them to imitate you later on. Start promoting these healthy habits while they are young to help everyone stay healthy during cold season. At the end of the month we will have some Halloween fun. The children will be able to wear orange and black and enjoy some spooky treats.

The Jungle Room

### Discovery Room (4/5 yr. olds)

Happy Halloween!

The Discovery kids have been very busy during the month of October. We have a field trip to Autumn Acres, planned and we will have a visit from the Riverside Fire Department. At the end of the month, we will have some spooky fun!

Our themes for October are Fire Safety, Scarecrows and Squirrels, Fall Harvest and pumpkin fun, Falling Leaves and Changing Trees, and Spooktacular Week. We will be working on pencil and scissor control, self-help skills and graphing. Our letters and numbers for the month are P, N, and D, 2, 3, and 4.

Please remember to have a change of clothes here for your child every-day as accidents do happen. Please make sure they are weather and size appropriate. In addition, please check the weather. Make sure your child/ren have a jacket/sweatshirt to wear outside. We go outside in the morning and often it is cooler than. It is also time to start thinking about bringing a hat and mittens too.

Ms. Amy and Ms. Sam

**1. Go on a shape walk!**  
**How many different shapes can you find?**  
**If you bring a camera, you can take photos and make your own shape book.**

## *10 Ways to play in October*

**3. Make and “I wonder...” Poster!**  
**Fill it with your questions in words and pictures.**

**4. Make something with card board tubes!**  
**The options are endless!**



**2. Set- up a snack bar meal!**  
**Make a menu with prices and hand-out pretend (or real) money to buy food.**

**5. Set up a pretend post office!**  
**Prop idea: junk mail, envelopes, postcards, stickers, cash register, scale, boxes, mailbag and mailbox.**

**6. Pour and mix colored water!**  
**Set out cups and small pitchers filled with colored water. Experiment with mixing and creating new colors. Muffin tins and pipettes (eye droppers) work well, too.**

**7. Visit a new-to-you park or hiking trail!**



**9. Play “Simon Says!”**



**10. Trace your hand or foot.**  
**Make a picture with your tracing!**

**8. Practice your rolling, throwing, and catching skills!**

- **Bounce a ball & catch it**
- **Throw the ball over your head or between your legs**
- **Roll the ball, run to where it rolled, and jump over it**
- **What other challenges can you try?**



## Nutritional Corner



How to please a child with picky eating. We all know a child that is a picky eater or maybe it's even your child. Here are a couple of tips that may help!

- ◆ Create a calm environment
- ◆ Keep their tray simple
- ◆ Sit down at the table
- ◆ Give them time
- ◆ Embrace the mess
- ◆ Patience is the key
- ◆ Serve a variety
- ◆ Include a food they are used to
- ◆ Don't bribe them with sweets

### Choco-Loco Pancakes

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of dry complete pancake mix
- 3/4 cups of Nestle Nesquik Ready to drink chocolate fat free milk
- Light Maple Syrup (optional)

#### Directions:

- Prepare pancake batter using Nesquik in place of water
- Spray griddle or large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Pour slightly less than 1/4 cup batter for each pancake on hot griddle. Cook until bubbles begin to burst. Flip and cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown.

### 5 ways to show you care

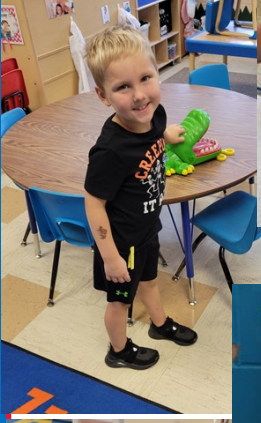
- Ask for their opinion
- Have fun together
- Be curious with them
- Introduce them to your friends
- Tell them how much you like being with them



### Children's Letters to God

- My brother told me about being born, but it doesn't sound right.
- Dear God, If you watch in Church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes.
- Dear God, I like the story about Chanuka the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones.
  - God, I would like to live 900 years, like the guy in the Bible.
- Dear God, I love you. How are you? Fine. I'm fine too. My mother has five girls and one boy. I am one of them.





Our first month in school has been a success!



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			Newman No School	Brookelynn O. B-day		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Beauden and Alanna B-day		PICTURE DAY!	Autumn Acres Field Trip	Brookelynn H. B-day		Theo B-day
Newman Homecoming Week						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Hextyn and Annie B-day  Fire Dept. Visit		Maci B-day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Ms. Stephanie B-day		Oliver C. B-day  No 4K DCE, Newman No School	Jameson U. B-day St. Therese Closed Teacher In-Service	Waylon D. and Ms. Sarah B-day
27	28	29	30	31		
				Black and Orange Spirit Day		

