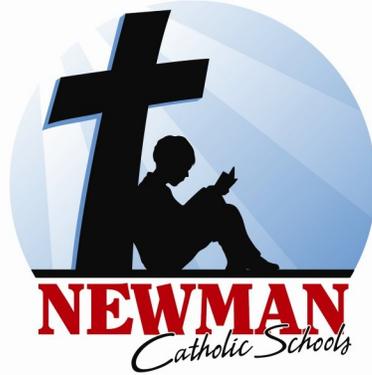


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## The Cardinal Connection

*"Faith in Education"*

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Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

We want to take this opportunity to wish all our NCECC: St. Therese families a happy and healthy New Year. We hope your Holiday was relaxing and filled with memories to cherish. The NCECC Staff would like to thank you for the treats and gifts.

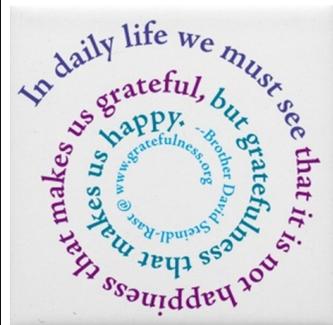
The students have transitioned well back into their school routines and learning all the new lessons that the second half of the school year brings. It is a joy to work with each and every one of you in educating your child. It is amazing to watch them grow in their exploring, learning and academics.

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week beginning January 25th. Throughout the week we have activities planned for the students, watch for more information to come, in your child's 4k folder or childcare parent mailbox.

In addition, registration for the 2026-2027 School Year is approaching. February is registration time!

We hope that 2026 brings with it an abundance of happiness and blessings for all NCECC: St. Therese families!

Sincerely,  
Amy Faust, Site Director



### A New Year's Blessing

Every good gift comes from the Father of Light.  
May He grant you His grace and every blessing  
and keep you safe throughout the coming year.

May he grant you unwavering faith,  
constant hope and love that endure to the end.  
May He order your days and work in His peace,  
hear your every prayer and lead you to everlasting life and joy.  
May Almighty God bless you.

Amen.

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

### **Parent Reminders:**

Please check you parent mailbox on a daily basis for important information.

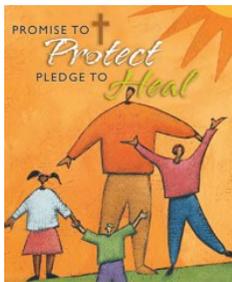


Winter is here!! Please make sure that your child(ren) are coming to the center with a jacket, snow pants, boots, gloves and hats and also have a **full spare set of clothes available** (Shirts, Pants, Socks, Underwear and Shoes) to change into in case their original clothes become wet or dirty from being outside. Label all items. NCECC-St. Therese is not responsible for lost items.

Please make sure that your tuition payments are payed online. Tuition is due the Friday before or the Monday of the week of attendance. This will ensure that your account stays current each week.

**Reminder: Please note that per our policy we ask that parents do not bring in any “special” foods for breakfast or lunch for their child(ren). We do serve breakfast from 8-8:30am and also serve lunch from 11-11:30am. If your child(ren) come in after these times please try to have them fed before they come into the center. Thank you!**

Thank you Santa Greg and his helper for bringing in all the little gifts to the center.



### **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).

## 4K News

Welcome back!! I hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed time with your family and friends. We have finished learning all of our letters and letter sounds, so now we will dive into learning how to write them and will begin working on tracing our first name. This month, we will focus on letters: b, f, n, m, l, t, & u. We will work on position words by reading the book Over and Under the Snow, we will talk about what we like to do in the snow while we read Snowy Day, and we will end the month talking about Arctic animals and reading Penguins, Penguins, Everywhere. During the last week of January, St. Therese will be celebrating National Catholic Schools Week. In 4K, we will be doing some of the same activities, but will change some to fit the D.C. Everest School District. This Month we will also be working on the Developmental Checklists to see where we are at since we last did the checklist in September. Reminder– there is no 4K on January 19th or 23rd. If you have any questions, please let us know!

-Ms. Sarah

## Classroom News

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

Wow, it is already 2026! Welcome to a new year. We hope to have a great time this year. Please make sure to have all the appropriate snow gear for your child, as we try to go outside weather permitting, 20°+ above includes wind.

In the month of January we'll learn about the famous Eric Carle, Pete the Cat, Snowy Science, and wrap up the month with Catholic Schools Week. Please be on the look out for some crafts. We welcomed Adriana in December and welcome Waylen in January!

-Ms. Brittney and Toria

### Explorer Room (2/3 yr. olds)

Happy New Year,

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and time with your families.

In January we will be talking about Eric Carle Books, Pete the Cat and Friends, Snowy Science, and Catholic Schools Week. We will be doing lots of fun projects each week.

The kids have been working hard at getting their snow clothes on. We will still be working on colors and shapes. The new thing we will be working on is scissors skills.

Please remember to dress your child in loose fitting clothes to help your child with the ease of getting themselves dressed with potty draining.

We hope that you all have a great January and new year.

Ms. Deb and Ms. Jennifer



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

Welcome back, we hope everyone had a wonderful and refreshing holiday season with family and friends. The New Year often brings a time of resolutions; consider helping the children with one. The children are so important and we want to do all we can for them. We sometimes find it easier just to do things for them, but by doing this we aren't allowing them to reach their full potential. Help empower your child by allowing them to help do things for themselves. Walking in alongside you into the building – dressing and undressing themselves – hanging up and putting away their things in their cubby. All of this allows them some independence and helps build positive self-esteem. You will see your child do things you never imagined they could do on their own. Please note that mittens are preferred over gloves, as it allows children to practice their independence.

Have a happy and a blessed New Year.

Ms. Therese and Ms. Lori

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

Happy New Year!

This month we will be talking about Snowy Science, Eric Carle Books, Pete The Cat Books, and Catholic Schools Week.

Our letters and numbers for the month are F, G, L, R, 10, 11, and 12. We will be working on learning the concepts on and off and over and under. Catholic Schools Week is the week of Jan 25-31, we have lots of fun activities and dress up days. Please watch for more information and details to come.

Please have snow gear here every day. If the temperature is above 0 we will be going outside. The afternoon 4K group will be going out in the morning and afternoon. Please have an extra pair of mittens here so they don't have to wear wet mittens outside.

Ms. Amy and Ms. Sam

### 5 Ways to show you care!

- Enjoy your time together.
- Give them a special nickname.
- Marvel at what they can do.
- Tell them how proud you are of them.
  - Pamper them.

### Children's Letters to God

- Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset on Tuesday. That was cool.
  - Dear God, I am doing the best I can.
  - Dear God, are you really invisible, or is that just a trick?
- Dear God, I want to be just like my daddy when I grow up, just not so much hair all over.

### 10 Ways to Play in January

**Collect rain** in a jar. Measure your collection throughout the month!

Set-up a drink stand for pretend play. Make menus, signs and price tags. Serve real drinks and count your coins!

Make a *weather chart* and track the daily wind, rain, snow, and sunshine!

Build an *indoor obstacle course* with pillows, chairs, couch cushions, laundry baskets, and other household items!

Blow cotton balls with a straw!

Make *sparkly snow paint* with 1/2 cup each of flour, salt, and water. Apply to a piece of heavy paper or cardboard with a spoon, craft stick, or squeeze bottle. It will sparkle as it dries!

Create a *scavenger hunt*. Draw out a simple checklist with items for your child to find!

Tape a large piece of paper under a table and set-out some crayons for upside-down drawing!

How many words can you think of that rhyme with snow? Make up silly rhymes together!

Play **freeze dance** with a favorite song!

## Apple Dipping

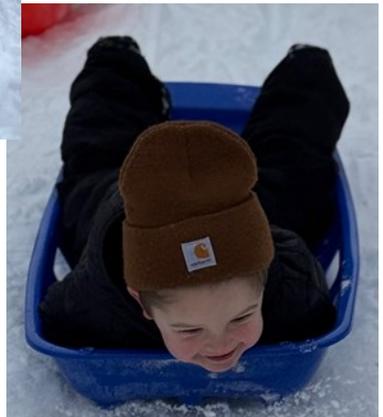
### Ingredients:

- 6 ounces vanilla yogurt
- 1 TBSP Peanut butter
- 1/4 TSP Cinnamon
- Apples



### Directions:

Mix all ingredients together and dip!



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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Ms. Sam bday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Start of Catholic Schools Week	27	28 Charles bday	29	30	31

