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Dear Newman Families,

This winter season certainly has been an interesting one. At this time of year, we begin to see our environment change and baby animals come out to play. This month we are celebrating, The Week of the Young Child; this is an annual event that recognizes young children and their families. As educators of young students, we understand the importance of a child's early educational years and the significance of helping to shape learning and development. The teacher's recognize they play an important part in a child's education and continually plan lessons that support student growth. For the Week of the Young Child the teachers will be doing many special events and activities in celebration of your children. Thank you for entrusting your children into our care.

God Bless,
Amy Faust, Site Director

"Summer Camp"

It's that time of year, to be thinking about Summer Camp. Join the Newman Adventure Camp, for a fun filled summer. Registration form and calendar of events, can be found on the Newman Catholic Schools website, or stop by the center office to pick up registration materials. You may also email: afaust@newmancatholicschools.com for Information.



Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC—St. Therese



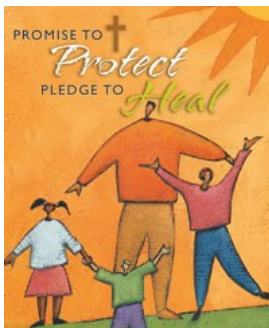
Box Tops

Download the Box Tops App! It's the easiest way to earn for our school! The Box Tops App uses State-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipts, find participating products, and instantly add Box Tops to our schools earnings online. We use our earnings to buy items to be used in the center. Every little bit helps! We thank you for your support of this worthwhile project!

Parent Reminders:

- Please check your parent mailbox on a daily basis for important information.
- As the weather transitions, please make sure your child has a spare set of clothing at the center at all times (shorts, shirts, underwear, socks, & shoes). A sweatshirt to leave at school, would be great for our chilly mornings as well. Please remember to wear tennis shoes at all times. Sandals, Crocs, and flip flops are not safe shoes for the playground. Finally, if you have any center clothing, please return to the center. Our items are marked "NCS"
- Big "THANK YOU" to all the families who donated items for the Easter Egg Hunt. Your support of our program is greatly appreciated.

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. 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. 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.

4k

Welcome April and warmer weather!!

This month, we are talking all about baby animals, leaves growing back, and various plants growing. We will be talking about the plant lifecycle and will discuss how we can help keep the Earth clean. Our books this month are The Napping House and National Geographic: Seed to Plant. We will start talking about punctuation in sentences and the differences between them. During the first full week of April, we will be finishing up our lower case letters and working on q & z. We also have the Week of the Young Child during the week of April 13th-17th. During the week we will have some fun activities and dress up days and will be ending the week by going to the Grand Theater to see Three Billy Goats Gruff. Just a reminder that on April 6th, there is no childcare, but we still have 4K! Finally, April 29th, will be Family Day. We will be decorating coffee sleeves and coloring with chalk. The 4K AM Family day time will be 11:00 am/ 4K PM time will be 2:30 pm.. Hope to see many families join us that day!

Ms. Sarah

Classroom News

Little Einstein's (Infant/Tots)

Yeah! Spring is here. Please have the appropriate gear to go outside— especially with the unpredictable temperatures this season. We do try to go on a lot of walks/playground trips. In the month of April, we will learn all about Easter, Week of the Young child, Pets, Ways to Travel, and Pond Life. Watch for fun projects to go with our themes. Reminder we are closed on April 3rd and April 6th for Good Friday and Easter Monday. Finally, check regularly to make sure your child has extra clothes that she/he have not grown out of. They grow so fast.

Ms. Brittney and Ms. Toria

Explorers (2/3 yr. olds)

Spring is finally here!! In the month of April we will be learning about Pets, Week of the Young Child, Ways to Travel, and Pond Life.

Our self help goal this month will be, working on using our words when we want something or need help with something.

We will have a lot of fun activities going on this month, so please watch for that in your mailboxes.

Please remember to bring appropriate clothing to go outside. It's still cold in the morning. Please have a warm jacket and hat and mittens just incase the morning is colder than anticipated.

Ms. Deb and Ms. Jennifer

Jungle Room (3/4 yr. olds)

We will be focusing on springtime during the month of April. The children are always excited to tell each other how big they are getting. They are increasingly aware that they are growing bigger and bigger each day, so during April we will embrace this in our classroom through art, science, and reading. We are going to focus on the life cycle of plants and animals in our science centers. We will learn from a variety of hands on activities, including sprouting seeds in the window, measuring our friends, and will create a collage with various seeds. We will practice math concepts with sorting and counting seeds. We will also take a few nature walks to seek out the signs of spring. Happy Spring and enjoy the outside! GO BREWERS!

Ms. Therese and Ms. Lori

Discovery (4/5 yr. olds)

Welcome spring! We are listening for birds singing, flowers growing, and warmer weather. This month we will be learning about Pets, Earth Day, Ways to Travel, Pond Life, and Week of the Young Child. Our concepts for the month are sorting and front and back. We will continue to work on shoe tying, phone numbers, and addresses. We will finish up our letters by learning E, I, O, and U and our numbers by learning 18, 19, and 20. We will celebrate Earth Day and we will celebrate the Week of the Young Child this month. More information will come about dress up and activity days.

Ms. Amy and Ms. Sam



10 Ways to Play in April

1. Have a mystery food taste test.

A grownup can offer you some foods to try with your eyes closed. Can you guess the mystery foods?

3. Rip and tear colorful paper into pieces.

Use the pieces to make a collage. You could glue the pieces or stick them to clear contact paper.

5. Make your own snack mix.

Set out bowls of crackers, cereal, dried fruit, pretzels, etc. and create a custom snack mix.

8. Sleep in a different bed or room than you usually do.

9. How far can you jump?

Mark a starting line (tape or chalk), then jump as far as you can and mark it, too. Measure your long jump with a tape

2. Start (or add to) a collection.

Rocks, buttons, stamps, coins, and beads are a few good ideas to get started. Try sorting your collection different ways, too.

4. Make something with an egg carton

6. Play "Repeat my Rhythm"

Take turns creating rhythm patterns with claps, stomps, taps, clicks, or any other sound you can make. Can everyone follow along with your rhythm?

7. Draw a tree that is in your yard or neighborhood.

10. Set-up a pretend museum.

Your displays might include artwork, toys, or "artifacts" from around your house. Be creative and let your child give you the full tour!

The Nutritious Corner!

Tips to avoid the evening rush:

- Plan ahead: make sure you always have plenty of ingredients on hand.
- Know what you are going to make before you get home so that you aren't rummaging around looking for the quickest thing (often the unhealthiest)
- Don't become a short order cook. Make one meal for everyone; give each child a night to choose what will be served.
- Give each child a job to help out. Young children can set the table, get items from low shelves in the refrigerator, mix, and help clean up.

Did you know?

- More than 50% of American adults do not get the recommended amount of physical activity to provide health benefits.
- Obesity is a risk factor for many chronic conditions and health problems
- Preschool children who are overweight are almost 5x more likely to be overweight as young adults.

Children's letters to God

- In the Bible times did they really talk that fancy?
- Dear God, I would like to know why all the things you said are in red?
- Dear God, what does it mean you are a jealous God? I thought you had everything.
- Dear God, do you know about things before they're invented?
 - Did you really mean do unto others as they do unto you, because if you did then I'm going to fix my brother.

5 ways to show you care...

- Be flexible
 - Delight in their uniqueness
 - Let them make mistakes
 - Notice when they grow
- Wave and honk when you drive by them

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5 Easter	6 Child Care Closed 4K Today	7	8	9	10	11 Alaina B-day
12	13 Elijah B-day	14	15 Brody B-day	16	17 Jungle and 4K to the Grand Theater	18
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD						
19 Mason W. B-day	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Alivia B-day
26 Hank B-day	27	28	29 Keziah B-day	30		