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Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

As we look back over the last few weeks, one can only wonder where October has gone. What a wonderful autumn we have had. It was so nice to have such warm and sunny days. But, in the blink of an eye, it seems that this beautiful time of year is over and the colder weather is upon us. The reality of the coming winter has replaced those glorious days as we experience cold, windy weather to remind us that November is here. Please remember to send warm outdoor gear and LABEL all items.

In addition, we hope you can join us for our annual NCS Winter Wonderland Auction on Saturday, November 14, 2026. Please check the Newman Catholic Schools website for more information.

As the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches let us take time to be thankful for the many blessings we receive; the gifts of life, family, and friends are not to be taken for granted. We are truly blessed to have parents who support the work we do in our centers and schools!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Sincerely,
Amy Faust, Site Director



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Lord, How full is this world of your unending creativity.
How astounding is creation in all its variety.
How breathtaking is new life, growth and transformation.
How wonderful is your provision for us your children!
This day, we celebrate your great goodness with thankful hearts and joyful lives.
Amen.

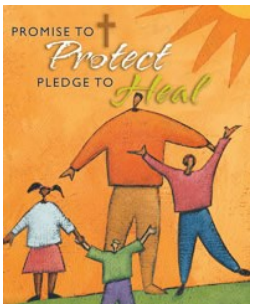
Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC—St. Therese

Parent Reminders:.
Cold weather is upon us!! Please make sure that your child(ren) are coming to the center with a warm jacket and also have a **full spare set of appropriate size , warm clothing available** (Shirts, Pants, Socks, underwear and a pair of shoes) to change into in case their original clothes become wet or dirty from being outside. **Please remember to label all items with your child's name., we cannot stress the importance of labeling items. NCECC-St. Therese is not responsible for lost or misplaced items. We do have a lost and found tote outside the school office.**



SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS PROGRAM-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026. PROGRAM TO BEGIN AT 3:00 PM.
Big "Thank You" to all the families that donated prizes for our Halloween Event. In addition, a big shout out to all the school age students who helped make this event successful. It was a big success and the children really enjoyed themselves!

Reminder of our illness policy. Children cannot return to the center until they have been symptom free for 24 hours without the assistance of medications. To find our complete illness policy, you can go to the Newman website. Click on NCECC: St. Therese, Parent/Family Resources and then Handbook.



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE
The Diocese of La Crosse, through its polices 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.diolc.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@diolc.org.

4K News

October has flown by and here we are in November already!! With November comes talking about our families, being thankful, and of course talking about turkeys. This month, we will continue to work our way through the letters and sounds the letters make; focusing on the letters Q-V. Our take home project for the month of November will be disguising a turkey so he doesn't get eaten for Thanksgiving; this is based off of the book Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silivano. Since much of November is based around food and Thanksgiving, we will be talking about how different vegetables grow. We are going to continue to work on our Solution Cards and will finish with learning the different ones we can utilize by the end of the month.
Reminders: Accidents do happen, so please send weather appropriate clothing for your child's extra clothing-bin. Please be sure to be checking your child's folder every night-there are times when we have time sensitive papers that need to be turned in. Finally, with the transition of 4K teacher and current situation, conferences will be pushed back. Information regarding this, will be relayed to families as soon as possible. Reminder, there is No 4K the week of Thanksgiving-November 23-27th, 2026.

Ms. Lisa

Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Lori

Classroom News

Little Einstein's (Infant/Toddlers)

Wow! It's almost the end of 2026. We have been having fun learning about Farm Animals, Woodland Animals, Hibernating Animals, Healthy Habits, and Thanksgiving! Watch for projects that follow our themes. Please remember to have snow pants, boots, winter jacket, hat and mittens for when winter arrives. Label all items.
We welcome Payton to the classroom.

Ms. Brittney, Ms. Naomi, and Ms. Toria

Explorer's (2/3 yr. olds)

Hello November,

The time is going so fast. We will be learning about Woodland Animals, Farm Animals, Hibernating Animals, Healthy habits, and Giving Thanks. We also will be working on our Christmas songs so you might start hearing them at home. Please make sure you have a hat, mittens, and coat here every day. We don't want snow yet, but you know it will come, so please bring in snow pants and boots. **Also make sure that everything has your child's name on in it.**

In addition, we welcome Everleigh, Reed and Levi to our classroom.

Ms. Deb & Ms. Jennifer

Save the Date
Christmas Program Friday,
December 4, 2026
3:00



Jungle Room (3/4 yr. olds)

November News!
October has been a busy and fun month. We were lucky to have gone on a wonderful fieldtrip. We learned a great deal on our trip to the pumpkin patch and enjoyed running through the fields looking for the perfect pumpkin to bring home. November will bring lots of exciting learning as well, it will also kick off the start of a busy holiday season. The Jungle Room has so much to be thankful for, we would like to thank all of you for being a part of the Newman Family. We have a wonderful bunch of children and families. Thanksgiving is the perfect time for everyone to come together and for children to become aware of traditions and listening to family stories. We hope that your Thanksgiving is filled with the smells of baking and the sounds of giggles and laughter. All of November the kids and staff will be planning and practicing for our annual Christmas Program. Please save the date for Friday, December 4.

Ms. Therese and Ms. Lori

Discovery Room (4/5 yr. olds)

Happy Thanksgiving! The Discovery kids have been working hard at learning their songs for the Christmas Program on December 4, at 3:00. We will be learning about Farm Animals, Woodland Animals, Hibernation, Healthy Habits, and Thanksgiving. Our letters and numbers for the month are T, H, Y, 5, and 6. We will be doing our fall assessment this month and work on manners, patterning, and left and right. Please remember to have a change of clothes here for your child everyday as accidents do happen. Also, please watch the weather and bring in hats and mittens for when it is cold and snow pants and boots for when it snows.
Ms. Sam and Ms. Stephanie



10 Ways to Play in November

1. Draw in the snow with a stick!

2. Have breakfast and stories in bed!

3. Cut plastic straws for scissor practice: Make a necklace out of the pieces!

4. Go on a listening walk: How many different sounds can you hear?

5. Punch holes in a paper plate and sew with yarn!

6. Practice scooping with a yogurt and topping bar!

7. Measure yourself!
- How tall are you?
- How much do you weigh?
- How long is your arm?
- How big is your waist?
- How long is your big toe?

8. Finger paint! Little ones could use pudding or yogurt!

9. Setup a pretend jewelry store: costumes, homemade jewelry, magnifying glasses, play money, receipts, toothbrushes & water for "cleaning," mirror and small boxes!



10. Have a shape day: circle day, hula-hoops, Frisbees, round crackers, pancakes and bracelet making. Triangle day, music triangles, creating trees, roofs, sailboats or tents!

Nutritional Corner

Choose water as a drink:

- Children and teenagers who regularly drink soft drinks and other sweetened drinks are more likely to be over weight.
- In NSW, 55% of boys and 46% of girls in Year 6 drink more than one cup of soft drink a week. By Year 8, these figures rise to 68% of boys and 50% of girls

Ideas to help you drink more water:

- Pack a water bottle whenever you go out
- In summer, pack a frozen water bottle in your child's lunch box
- Water down sweetened drinks – such as cordials or fruit juice – for a short time and then start to replace them with plain water.
- Serve plain water in decorative jugs. Add slices of lemon, orange or mint for flavor and, in summer, add ice cubes to keep it chilled.

Tip!
Popsicle molds are available in different shapes and sizes from department stores and specialty kitchen shops. Popsicle sticks are available from newsagents and craft

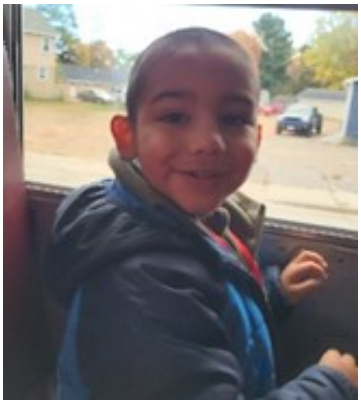
Berry Swirl Yogurt Pops

Ingredients:

- 500g reduced-fat Greek style yogurt
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- $^{1}/_{3}$ cup icing sugar
- 300g frozen mixed berries, thawed

Directions:
1. Blend yogurt, vanilla and half the icing sugar in a blender or food processor until combined. Transfer mixture to a jug.
2. Add berries and the remaining icing sugar to blender or food processor. Pour in 1 cup of the vanilla yogurt mixture and process until smooth and combined.
3. One-third fill popsicle molds with vanilla yogurt mixture then top up molds with berry mixture.
4. Run a skewer through mixture in each mold to create a swirled effect.
5. Place molds in freezer for 1 hour then insert a popsicle stick in each one and return to freezer for several hours or overnight until frozen solid.
6. Remove popsicles from molds just before serving. If popsicles are difficult to remove, wrap a warm damp cloth around molds for a few seconds and they should slide out easily.






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NCECC: St. Therese
November 2026

1	2 DCE No School No 4K	3	4	5	6	7
8 Owen Bday	9	10	11 Picture retake day	12 Mouakong Bday	13	14 Winter Wonderland Auction
15 Emery Bday	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Evelyn Bday	23 LCC conference No 4K	24 LCC conference No 4K	25 No 4K	26 Center Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	27 Mason R Bday Rivers Bday Center Closed	28 Ashton Bday
29	30 Grayson Bday					Reminder- Christmas Program is December 4th 3:00 pm

