



4 Year Olds

You've Got a Friend in Pre-K 4!

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, September 8 - First full day of school

Tuesday, September 8 - Before and after care starts (Please complete form or call/email the school if needed)

Tuesday, September 29 - BLUE DAY - Please have your child wear something BLUE, if possible

Color of the month: BLUE - "Azul" (English and Spanish)

Number of the month: 1 "Uno" (English and Spanish)

Letters of the week beginning Monday, September 21 with Aa

Flat Shape: CIRCLE

Solid Shape: SPHERE

Author of the month: Audrey Penn

THINGS TO SEND IN THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

*Change of clothing labeled with your child's name in a Ziploc bag

*Smock - an old adult t-shirt will do fine

*Physical and Immunization records if you have not submitted them yet

*A picture of your family to hang in the classroom

We are very excited to see familiar faces and to welcome new friends! We are happy to begin a new school year with all of these beautiful children.



Each day begins with the Pledge of Allegiance during Circle Time. The leader of the day from each class will hold the flag. We will then introduce the children to the letter of the week. The children will learn the shape of the letter and how it sounds. We encourage the children to bring in picture(s) cut from a newspaper or magazine or printed off a computer that start with the letter of the week. This is their first homework. In class, the children will glue their picture(s) onto a large cut-out letter. A round of applause is given to each child who brings in picture(s). At the end of the week, we will hang the letter on the wall in our play area for all to admire! The pictures help the children learn sounds to help them begin reading readiness.

Books are a part of every day and story time is a favorite for all the little ones! Your child may bring in a book for the teacher to read to the class. Please do not bring toys from home.

We are a NUT-FREE CENTER. Please do not bring in any items for snack, lunch, or parties containing peanuts or tree nuts or which are made in a facility that processes nuts.



The children will be learning the Spanish words for different colors and to count from 1 - 20 in English and Spanish. They will also be introduced to signing the ABC s! They will learn to recognize their name as well as the names of their classmates. Writing will be introduced in January.

Please remember to dress your child in clothing that is easy to get in and out of for bathroom purposes. We want the children to feel comfortable taking care of their own needs. Keeping this in mind each morning will help alleviate anxiety during the school day.



Please have your child bring in a plain white sweatshirt or t-shirt. We will be decorating the shirts for the children to wear in the fall. The children will be painting beautiful fall leaves on the shirts and will wear them to go pumpkin-picking at our very own on-grounds pumpkin patch. You can get the shirts online or at Michael's. Please send them in as soon as possible as we will be working on them shortly.

We will soon introduce the children to our child-friendly religion book, **I AM SPECIAL**. The book tells the story of a little girl named Kelly Martin as she begins preschool. Kelly helps us learn about all the wonderful things that God has given us and all the things we are thankful for. It is a sweet book that the children will use throughout the year. I think you will agree it is a simple and wonderful introduction to religion.

As we begin the year together, it may be difficult for some children to separate from their parents. Please do not worry, we will work together to make this transition as painless for you as possible. In no time your child will be running into school ready to begin a day of friends and fun. Just ask any parent who has been through it. In the meantime, we will be very nurturing, loving, and patient. Just remember to smile, give a hug and kiss, and reassure your child you will be returning very soon. Any concerns you have are our concerns, so please feel free to speak with us at anytime.

As you can see, your child will be learning, creating, and having lots of FUN at St. Catharine Early Childhood Center.