



St. Catharine Early Childhood Center OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the first few weeks of preschool have passed and October is here. The children have settled in and have adjusted well to our routine. What an amazing group of little ones we have at St. Catharine Early Childhood Center!



Autumn is in the air bringing a refreshing start to this colorful month. The children will be learning about the changing colors of fall leaves and creating many wonderful crafts to decorate their homes for autumn and Halloween.

With the arrival of autumn, the children will be wearing new jackets, hats, etc. PLEASE LABEL ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING THAT YOUR CHILD WEARS TO SCHOOL. This will make it easier for your child as well as the teachers.



October is Fire Prevention Month, and the children will be learning about ways to stay safe at home and at school. We will practice a fire drill in a simple way, so the children will have a better understanding of fire safety. The Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Department has graciously agreed to visit the preschool to help with this important lesson. We will sing songs and make crafts to reinforce what is being taught.

The Pre-K phone book for your child's age group is being sent home soon. I am sure it will be quite handy throughout the year for phone chains and play dates, and maybe even for years to come.



Halloween is a fun time here at St. Catharine's Pre-K, and we will be creating decorations that will adorn the walls here, as well as crafts that will be going home. The children will be learning songs and finger plays to get us all in the spooky spirit! The children will be dressing up and wearing their costumes to school, and each age group will have a parade and sing-along for your Halloween pleasure. You are invited to enjoy this colorful parade. If it rains, the parade and sing-along will be indoors. Please remember to choose a costume that will be easy for your child to get in and out of for visits to the bathroom. The times of the parade are on the following page with information that will help you plan the day. No weapons of any kind may be sent to school, even if it is part of your child's costume.

To further celebrate fall and Halloween, we will be turning our field into a pumpkin patch!! Yay!!! All of the 3 and 4-year olds will be able to pick their own pumpkin right here at St. Catharine's. They will also be treated to a real hayride!

Thank you for keeping your children home when they display any cold-like symptoms. We are working hard to keep germs under control.

Follow us on Instagram @st.catharinesprek
We have already posted some cute pictures!



Please remember to check your child's folder each day for notices and fabulous art work.

Don't forget - Thursday, October 15 is Picture Day!

Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,
Lorrayne Hubert

