



St Patrick's Preschool September 2024 News

Welcome Back!

The first week of school was so much fun! We loved seeing all of the familiar faces, and welcoming the new ones. After an intensive week of training our amazing teachers were so excited to dive into the school year. We have some new faces on staff, many of them were with us over the summer. I know you will love these additions as each brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to St. Patricks Preschool.

This year we will continue our study of famous artists as we highlight an artist each month starting with **Mary Cassatt**, who was known for her paintings of mothers and children.

We will display the art that each child creates in the style of our famous artists at our annual art show in the spring. Learning about art and artists is inspirational for young children. They see images and art all around them, and seeing their art displayed gives them a sense of pride.

Art and Young Children

Art is an expression, and can look like anything or nothing at all. Children have a natural desire to create and explore which makes process based art so important in early childhood.

Process art introduces children to materials and techniques, and then allows them to explore and create freely. **Product art**, on the other hand, is craft like in nature and requires specific steps. Each child's craft looks very much the same. There is value in both, but the creativity, skills, and vocabulary involved in creating **process art** is invaluable. The art coming home may not look like much, but please ask your child to tell you about their work and what was involved in creating it. Display it with pride knowing that a lot of learning took place in the making!

Upcoming Events:

- September 20th - Fall Photos
- September 27th - Visit from the Fire Truck!
- October 4th - Teacher Work Day
- October 14 - Teacher Work Day
- October 15 - Parent Teacher Conferences

(Sign up link to come)

- **SAVE THE DATE - Each student will need a chaperone**

October 21st - Trip to Patterson Farm (8:45 arrival)

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- October 31st - Halloween! Costumes welcome!
- November 1st - Teacher Work Day

Reminders:

Carpool - please pull all the way up to make room for cars behind you. If possible install your child's carseat on the passenger side of the car.

Pick Up - Please check your child out each day using Brightwheel. If you have someone else picking up, you can add them to your child's profile as 'approved pickup.'

Backpacks - Please have a full change of clothing in your child's backpack (don't forget the undies!) Accidents and spills happen at all ages.

