



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER

From the Director's Desk

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Preschool year! As I anticipate the beginning of the school year, I contemplate the 100 little ones that we will soon meet and get to know over the upcoming year. I remember my first day of school as a child and the mix of excited anticipation and fear that I felt. I am sure that as a parent you are experiencing the same anticipation and fear as you prepare to send your child off to preschool. I say this because I want you to know we understand. Most of our teachers are parents. They all know the fears, the hopes, the problems, and the joys of parenting. Yet, they are also Early Childhood Educators. They understand, perhaps better than most, how very important the task of educating the young child is. They wish for your children a total education, because they know that education is not just what a child learns from reading a book (although much can be learned from reading) or from memorizing letters, numbers, shapes, and facts (although these are important for schooling as well). True education is what happens when one discovers meaningful and exciting materials and experiences enabling your child to grow, explore, discover, and absorb. Through play your child will grow in the ability and confidence to move forward and outward to explore and discover and learn even more. What your child learns today (for many reasons) will help your child to discover "all the wonderful secrets of tomorrow." So welcome back to all for 2021-2022 school year. It's so great to be back and feel the excitement in the halls as the children head back to another great year.

Our Newsletter

Our newsletter is an avenue for the school staff and PTA to communicate with parents. Included in each newsletter will be news about what is happening at Saint Gregory, along with reminders and volunteer opportunities. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year, especially if you have any ideas, questions, suggestions, or concerns. You can reach me at my personal email (mariarelig@aol.com) or by phone (835-1278.), or on the school website email address, info@stgregorythegreatearlychildhood.com.

Three's School News

September is primarily devoted to settling down and getting to know each other and ourselves. We want to acquire a good feeling about ourselves and for each other. For some children this is their first experience away from home and parents. This transition may be difficult. We will, therefore, move slowly until all are comfortable with their new friends and surroundings. Following directions, listening, and becoming aware of those around us will be an ongoing endeavor. We will be introducing colors, numbers, letters, and shapes these first weeks, as well. Our classroom games and activities are designed to enhance the children's knowledge and growth in developmentally appropriate preschool skills. Painting, gluing, and cutting will also be introduced. Please do not expect a beautifully finished product. Proper use of materials is our main concern, as well as your child's discovery of his or her ability to create. Washing hands in the classroom will be a daily ritual. "Please" and "Thank you" will become very special words. We are looking forward to our special time with your child this year. We anticipate a good start to our school year with much learning, sharing and fun.



Four's School News

We welcome you, our returning veteran parents and our firsttime parents, to another new year here at Saint Gregory. We have been busy planning and are very excited to begin learning with your child. In the Fours Program we strive to provide opportunities for your child to grow in independence, develop a positive self-esteem, and be ready for Kindergarten academically, physically, emotionally and socially, and cognitively. During the month of September your child will gradually adapt to new routines, practice following directions, and learn the proper use of materials. We will review the basic colors and shapes to discern what your child has mastered so far. Numbers and their value will be introduced sequentially, starting with zero. Each week a letter and its sound will be introduced and incorporated into the week's curriculum as "the letter of the week." Please make it a point to talk to your child about their activities here at school and reinforce at home what your child has begun to learn at school. The more exposure your child has to the letters, numbers, vocabulary, and concepts we introduced at school, the more he or she will absorb and retain information. Practice and repetition are the keys to mastery.

Tuition Payments

Remember tuition payments are due by the 1st of each month. A Forty Dollar Late Fee will be charge if your tuition is not received on time by Smart Tuition.

New Staff Members

- Room PK: Debbie Annunziata, Valbona Krasniqui (4's)
- Room K: Valbona Krasniqui (4's)
- Room 3: Suzanne Savignano (4's)
- Room 4: Lisa Gonnella , Sharon Sun Mae Pe (4's)
- Room 5: Anne Omondi (3's)

We bid a fond farewell to the following head teachers and assistants who have served the children of Saint Gregory the Great Early Childhood Enrichment Program over the years. We wish them much success in their new endeavors, and thank them for their loyalty, and dedication to our school, parents and children.

Raquel Andrade, Carrie Artuso, Becky Bellino, Mary Calarco, Anne Farrenkopf, Tara Gonzalez, Tonella Ledesma, Jessica Magee, Brittany Roth, Franca Salanitro, and Nina Scalercio



Important Up and Coming Dates in September

September 7:	Staff Orientation 8:30 am
September 8:	Meet & Greet 3's & Assessments 4's
September 9:	Meet & Greet 3's & Assessments 4's
September 10:	Teacher Planning Day
September 13:	Threes and Fours Group A 9 - 11:30 a.m.
September 14:	Threes and Fours Group B 9 - 11:30 am
September 15:	Threes and Fours Group A & B: 9 - 11:30
September 16:	Threes and Fours Group A & B: 9 - 11:30
September 20:	Full School Schedule Begins
	Morning Session: 8:45 to 11:30 a.m.
	Full Day: 8:45 to 2:30 p.m.
September 20 - 24:	Sign Up for Extracurricular Activities
September 20 - October 15:	Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale
September 26:	PTA Getting to Know You Tea - 9 a.m.

What Did You Learn Today

A brand new school year means brand new things for your child to discover. When he /she brings home artwork and papers, look them over together. Then, try mixing skills he's/she's working on in class with activities he/she enjoys at home.

- Sing a song: Does your child's class sing songs? Ask your child to teach you the songs.
- Play with toys: Toys can build on what your youngster is learning.
- Talk About It: Slip new ideas in as you do ordinary tasks.

