

Odds + Ends

Morning Drop Off

After the second week of school, please give your child a hug and kiss at the door, then send them in.

Bathroom Policy

It is expected that **all** children be potty trained, **for both**, before entering preschool. Children are not allowed to wear pull-ups or diapers.

Change of Clothes

Please make sure your child has a complete change of clothes daily, otherwise we will need to contact you if your child has an accident.

Nap Time

Every afternoon we will have quiet time, so please send your child in with a small blanket to rest with. A small cuddly stuff animal will be allowed the first week of school to help with the transition. If a child does not sleep, he or she is expected to lay down on a mat quietly.

Early Dismissal

As much as possible, please let us know ahead of time if you will be picking up your child early. It is asked that if you do pick up your child early, please try to do it before or after nap time.

Afterschool Program

Our afterschool program runs from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. It is \$13 daily. If you do not pick your child up on time, he or she will be sent downstairs and a fee will be imposed. Please see the afterschool registration form for more information.

Book Club

Our class will participate in the scholastic book club. Aside from going to the library, this is a great way to get a new book for your child. Please look for it in your take home folder each month.

About Ms. Beth

My name is Ms. Beth Teves and I am your child's preschool teacher. I am delighted to be your child's teacher this year.

This is my twelfth-year teaching, but my fourth at St. Catherine's School. Previously, I taught at St. John's Elementary School as a second grade teacher. I received my teaching degrees through Lesley University.

I was born and raised in Somerville, MA. I am married to my amazing husband Joe; we have two beautiful children, Michael, 7 yrs. old, and Daniel, who is 4 years old. They are so much fun and they keep me on my toes! To complete our family, we have a small dog, Brady that we all just adore.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, watching the Patriots, cooking for my family and going for long walks. Although I will miss my boys, I'm so excited to be your teacher this year! I look forward to seeing you each and every day.!

God Bless!

School Website:

<http://www.stcatherinesomerville.net>

Welcome to PreK!

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Ms. Beth
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School Hours:
Early Morning Drop off begins 7:15AM
School Day 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Afterschool 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Welcome to Preschool with Ms. Beth!

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the office in the morning to let them know your child will be out. Please remember that if your child is sick, he or she should be fever free 24 hours without medication before they can return to school. This is also a good rule of thumb for stomach bugs or diarrhea. This way the staff and other children do not get sick as well.

Behavior Expectations

Preschool children are growing each day. All year we will be working on becoming more and more independent.

In my room children expected to be kind to each other, keep their hands and feet to themselves, use a quiet voice, and listen to the teacher. They are also expected, with help, to clean up after themselves.

Gentle reminders and positive reinforcement will be used to help children reach our expectations. At times, a child may be asked to sit out for a few minutes to think about their actions. When necessary, a parent will be contacted to address any behavior concerns or problems.

Uniform/Dress Code Policy

Children are expected to follow the St. Catherine's dress code policy found in the parent student handbook. In it it states: PreK children are expected to wear a St. Catherine's T-shirt with sweat pants. When it is colder they can wear a St. Catherine's sweatshirt over their T-shirt. When it's warmer out, they can wear navy blue gym shorts with a school t-shirt. All preschool children should have sneakers to wear during the day. If your child wears boots to school, please pack their sneakers.

Homework

Homework is not formally given in Pre-K. However, it is encouraged that you read to your child daily, say your prayers each night, and practice recognizing your letters and numbers and printing your name. Family projects may be given periodically throughout the school year.

Please return your child's take home folder daily. This is our communication folder.

Daily Schedule

8:00 Arrive at School and Morning Prayers
8:05 Open Areas
9:00 Morning Circle/ Literacy Circle
9:30 Bathrooms and Snack
10:00 Story Time
10:15 Mother Goose Program & Centers
11:30 Recess
12:00 Lunch
12:30 - DEAR
1:00 Quiet Time
1:45 Discovery Time/Free Play
2:30 Closing Circle
3:00 Dismissal

Monday: Gym

Wednesday: Cooking Class

Friday: Mystery Readers or Peace Partners

Grades

Children are formally assessed three to four times a year to show your child's growth and progress reports are sent home each marking period. PTA conferences are done twice a year.

Snack & Lunchtime

We are a **peanut and nut free** classroom. If your child is not participating in the school lunch program, please pack a several snacks and a lunch with a drink.

If your child is participating in the school lunch program, please pack only drink and a couple of snacks. Remember the School lunch program does not start until the middle of September.

Allergies

If your child has an allergy or develops an allergy throughout the year, please inform the school office and me immediately. If your child needs an Epi-pen please make sure it is at school with a note from the doctor.

Communication & Involvement

Thank you for entrusting your child with me. I look forward to working with you throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact me at (617) 666-9116 or through email at bteves@comcast.net. I will do my best to get back to you in 24 hours.

I am also available briefly afterschool to answer a quick question. If you need more than a few minutes, then we can schedule a meeting before or after school.

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated on the last Friday of the month at St. Catherine's. On this day, parents can bring in something in for just their child. Please let me know ahead of time, what you will bring.

Just remember that whatever you bring, please make sure it is a **nut free** choice.