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Dear Parents,

Summer Greetings!

Before we get lost in the lazy, hazy days of summer, I wanted to send along to you some important information regarding the beginning of school.

Enclosed you will find the **tentative** School Calendar for the 2022 –2023 school year. Please notice your child’s first day of school.

*Sr. Christine’s class of **4/5-day option Four**-year-olds will begin on **Wednesday, September 7th** (class time is **8:20 – 11:45AM**).

*Miss Beth’s **MWF Four**-year-olds will begin on **Monday, September 12th** (class times 8:30 –11:30AM).

*Miss Dawn’s **MWF Three**-year-olds *orientation* days will be September 7th or 9th. Regular program begins Monday, September 12th - (class times 8:30 – 11:30AM).

*Our **Tue./Thurs. Three**-year-olds *orientation* day will be September 8th – (class times 8:30 – 11:30AM).

Your 3 year old child will be assigned **one** of these days to come to school for the morning. This orientation is for your child only. Pick-up will be at 11:30AM. You will receive a mailing at the beginning of August with more specific details. The regular program with extended day will begin on Tuesday, September 13th. Our regular school hours are 7:15AM – 5:45PM.

Due to state regulations, we must schedule staff meetings for our school staff. On the **first Mondays** of the month, there will be **no extended day** offered. Children will need to be picked up at the 11:30/11:45 dismissal time. These are the dates in advance so that you may plan accordingly. They are:

Monday, September 12	Monday, January 9*	Monday, May 1
Monday, October 3	Monday, February 6	Monday, June 5
Monday, November 7	Monday, March 6	
Monday, December 5	Monday, April 3	

***End of the year Certificate Program and Last Day of School – Mark your calendars.**

Parents are invited to the school for our Certificate Program. The children will receive their certificates and medals. Please plan now to be present. The dates are:

- T/TH Class - Thurs. June 8, 2023
- MWF 3's Class – Fri. June 9, 2023
- MWF 4's Class – Wed. June 14, 2023
- M-F 4's Class - Fri. June 16, 2023

***CD: "I Believe" and Companion Coloring Book by Sr. Kathy**

Help your child get a jumpstart on learning many of the songs they will learn during the year in their religion lessons. This original 20 song CD was created to help children and their families learn some of the basics of the Catholic faith through engaging music. The songs are in an order to take you through the year learning about Jesus. Roll Back the Stone re-tells the Easter Story which is the central event of the faith. The subsequent songs teach about who God is, creation, Jesus as the light of the world, some Saints, the season of Advent, Christmas, the greatest commandment, the teachings, healings and miracles of Jesus, Jesus returning to heaven, the coming of the Holy Spirit and culminating with a song of faith that states what we believe. The CD is \$15.00 – coloring book \$5.00 and is available at the Carmelite Gift Store, Andrew Lane Company or at the school. The lyrics to the songs are available at our website: www.carmelitepreschool.com. The music can also be found on CD Baby, iTunes (through CD Baby), Amazon, GooglePlay, as well as Gracenote. This CD and coloring book also makes a great gift for new babies, Baptisms and Birthdays. All proceeds benefit our foreign missions.

The next mailing you will receive will be in August. It will contain the necessary forms required before school begins. I thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation. Let us pray that we will be able to enjoy a "normal" school year. In the interim, I wish you and your family summer blessings.

Sincerely,
Sr. Kathy

P.S. We still have space in our 3 year old programs. Please spread the word.

On-going Fundraisers:

Labels Labels: Indestructible labels for clothing and any other items may be purchased from: **campaigns.mabelslabels.com**. and search for **Carmelite Preschool**. The school gets a percentage of all sales. Please also tell family and friends.

AmazonSmile: A year-round fundraiser through AmazonSmile. Please take the time to sign up and login to Amazon through AmazonSmile and a portion of each purchase you make will be donated to Carmelite Preschool.

1. **Go to: www.smile.amazon.com**
2. **If you already have an account with Amazon.com you will use the same username and password. If not, you can sign up for the first time.**
3. **Search for "Carmelite Preschool" and select "Institute of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Inc." Carmelite Sisters Holy Childhood Preschool/ Location: Peabody, MA" from the list.**
Amazon will take care of the rest and you can shop as you normally would knowing that with each purchase a small portion will go to the preschool. Please share this with family and friends too.

Staples Classroom Rewards:

When parents shop, teachers earn 5% back in rewards on every purchase.

1. Go to **Staples Connect App**.
2. Select: **Carmelite Preschool Sr. Kathy Bettencourt** and enter your receipt number and purchase amount.