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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 school calendar for the 2025 –2026 school year. Please notice your child’s first day of school and orientation day.

*We will have a special “*Meet the Teacher Day*” with children and parents on **Thursday, August 28th** from 9:00AM – 11:30AM. Teachers will contact you to make a 10 minute appointment.

*The **4/5-day option Four-year-old** class will begin on **Wednesday, September 3rd** (class time is **8:20 – 11:45AM**). Dottie Apostolides is the Lead Teacher.

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

*Miss Dawn’s **MWF Three-year-olds orientation** days will be September 3rd & 5th. Regular program begins Monday, September 8th - (class times 8:30 – 11:30AM).

*Miss Dawn’s **Tue./Thurs. Three-year-olds orientation** day will be Thursday, September 4th - (class times 8:30 – 11:30AM).

Your 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 9th. 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: (please turn over)

Monday, September 8	Monday, January 5	Monday, May 4
Monday, October 6	Monday, February 2	Monday, June 1
Monday, November 3	Monday, March 2	
Monday, December 1	Monday, April 6	

***End of the year date – Mark your calendars.**

Parents are invited to the school on the last day of school for our **Certificate Program**. Your child's class will perform a program of songs and receive their certificates and medals. Please plan now to be present. The dates are:

T/TH Class - Last Day Thurs. June 4, 2026 at 11:00AM
MWF 3's Class – Last Day Fri. June 5, 2026 at 11:00AM
MWF 4's Class – Last Day Wed. June 10, 2026 at 11:00AM
M-F 4's Class - Last Day Fri. June 12, 2026 at 11:00 AM

***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 around July 15th. It will contain the Tuition Coupon Book. The August 1st mailing will contain the necessary forms required before school begins. I thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation. In the interim, I wish you and your family summer blessings.

Sincerely,

Sr. Kathy Bettencourt

On-going Fundraisers:

Mabels 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.

Amazon Smile: Please take the time to sign up and login to Amazon through Amazon Smile 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.

P.S. *We still have spaces available in our T/TH 3-year-old program and M/W/F 4-year-old program. If you know of anyone, please have them contact the school for a registration form.*

