



# St Patrick's Preschool September 2023 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. As the director I am extremely proud of the wonderful group of teachers that are working with your children. Each one of them comes with unique experiences, and they are all committed to treating each child with love and respect.

This year we are adding to the curriculum. We will study a famous

artist and highlight an author each month.

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.

Giving children blank paper and lots of different tools to draw with inspires creativity, while coloring books and crafts with specific directions can stifle creativity, making children feel like they are not doing art "the right way."

Art is an expression, and can look like anything or nothing. Children have a natural desire to create, while most adults feel self-conscious about their artistic abilities. This is why process-based art is so important in early childhood, allowing children opportunities to freely explore.

This month our Artist is Frida Kahlo. Frida grew up in Mexico, and is famous for her self-portraits. She was in an accident as a child and spent months in bed. Her parents bought her paints and an easel she could use in bed to keep her busy.

As we dive into our theme this month, "All About Me," we will complete several self-portraits. This will look different for every age and every child. Teachers will keep a self-portrait from each student to display in our school art gallery in April!

### Upcoming Events:

- September 25th - Fall Photos
- October 9th - Teacher Work Day NO SCHOOL
- **SAVE THE DATE - October 16th - Pumpkin Patch**  
**Each student will need a chaperone and transportation**  
**Patterson Farm (9:00 arrival)**  
**10390 Caldwell Rd. | Mount Ulla, NC 28125**
- October 31st - Halloween! Costumes welcome!
- November 1st - Teacher Work Day NO SCHOOL
- November 9th - Diwali Celebration
- November 10th - Veterans Day NO SCHOOL

### 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.

