



Thompson Early Childhood Collaborative
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On behalf of the Thompson Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC), I would like to welcome our students and their families back for the 2020-2021 school year!

This year looks very different than years past, with children doing both in person and distance learning. Teachers are live streaming from their classrooms throughout the day in an effort to support the distance learners. All of our in person students are doing a remarkable job adhering to DCD guidelines for social distancing and face coverings. Through it all, our teachers remain focused on keeping children safe and supporting families while providing a quality preschool experience.

TECC currently has 9 school day/school year spaces and 11 part day/part year spaces. If you are interested in learning more about TECC or the School Readiness Grant Program, please contact Ellen Jones at 860-923-9142 or email mjones@thompsonpublicschools.org.

We welcome all members of the community to join TECC. Together we can do more for our families! For more information, please call Ellen Jones at 860-923-9142

"It takes a village to raise a child..."

- African Proverb



The Thompson Early Childhood Collaborative is made up of representatives from the following agencies:

- TEEG
- The Thompson Public Library
- The Thompson Recreation Department
- The Thompson Public Schools
- Mary R. Fisher Elementary School
- Thompson's First Selectman
- Thompson Superintendent of Schools/ BOE





Thompson Public Library

Building Readers

Fall Programs & More

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**Let's Read Together stories... Let's Read Together videos...
outside along our pathway Reading Tips to Share**




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Parent/Child Playgroup November 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Location: TEEG 15 Thatcher Rd N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255	2 Contact: Ashley Fournier 860-923-3458	3	4 9:30-11:00 TEEG Finger Painting	5	6 9:30-11:00 TEEG Fun with Playdough!	7
8	9 	10	11 9:30-11:00 TEEG Sensory table with construction trucks	12	13 9:30-11:00 TEEG Game Day! Shape Jump, Feed the Turkey, Balloon games, and much more!	14
15	16	17	18 9:30-11:00 TEEG Ice Sensory Experience	19	20 9:30-11:00 TEEG Turkey Handprints 	21
22	23	24	25 9:30-11:00 TEEG Marble Painting	26	27 No Playgroup TEEG Closed	28
29 	Playgroup Schedule: 9:30-10 Free Play 10-10:30 Planned Activity 10:30-11 Story, snack clean up		Follow us on Social Media! www.teegonline.org www.facebook.com/teegyouthandfamilyfurpage			



Thompson Recreation Programs

November/December

Register & pay on-line at www.thompsonrec.org

Stop by our office in Town Hall.

Questions? Call us at 860-923-9440

**** PAPER REGISTRATION ON BACK ****



Holiday Drop & Shop

Saturday December 19th

10am - 2pm · Thompson Public Library

\$20/person - includes lunch

Grades K - 5

Need time to get ready for the holidays? At Drop & Shop we'll do a craft, play games, enjoy lunch, and watch a holiday movie!



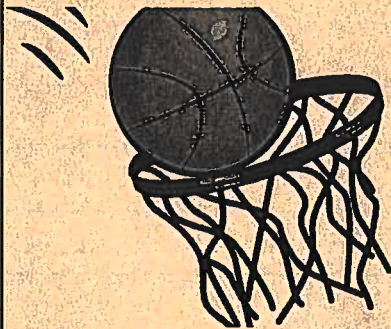
Holiday Light Contest

Register your home or business to be on the Holiday Lights Map by December 1st. Lights must be up from December 14 - December 26.

Prizes awarded for first, second, and third place

Pick up a Holiday Light Map at the Library or Town Hall starting December 14th and visit the decorated homes & businesses

FREE



Co - Ed Youth Basketball Clinics

Grades 1 & 2 - Monday or Wednesday

Grades 3 & 4 - Tuesday or Thursday

1/11 - 2/26 5:45- 6:30pm

A modified youth basketball program will be offered this year. Join us for six weekly 45 minute skills & drills classes with coaches.

Your child will work on the fundamentals of basketball including passing, dribbling, and shooting while getting some great exercise.

\$30/person



Half Day Fridays Afterschool Program

11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

School dismissal - 5:30pm

Grade K - 8

Thompson Recreation will offer childcare on half day Fridays. Children will participate in games, crafts, homework time, and have a snack.

Registration will close on Wednesday before or when full.

Only 10 spots available.

\$25/day

Mary R. Fisher Preschool

Fall News

What we did the last couple months... Children learned our school rules, class routines, and the daily schedule. We completed "Who We Are" and "Making Friends" units which taught students all the things they can do and all the reasons they should feel good about themselves. We discussed using our manners, how to take care of ourselves (self-help skills), and how to be a good student. Children are learning how to make friends, be a good friend, and things friends do together. We also learned all about our families, what families do together and the role's family members play.

Where we are going... We have changed the classroom into a Grocery Store! We have various parts of the grocery store such as: the bakery, the deli, and the checkout. The children will begin pretending new roles and scenarios having to do with this new theme. The Grocery Store is a fun way to practice our language, math, and literacy skills. We are having fun coming up with scenarios and problems for the cashiers, clerks and customers!

During our "Rainbow Week" we dress in the color of the day, make a list of healthy foods and enjoy snacks as we eat through the rainbow making healthy choices.

Our special KISS (Kids Invite Someone Special) event is coming up in December!

Program News... Preschool staff are currently enrolled in the **Tools of the Mind Curriculum**. Teachers have been implementing Tools activities into everyday teaching and are excited to see the children progress with their play plans. *"In a Tools of the Mind classroom, children are learning more than the basic academic skills that we have been focused on for so many years. Self-regulation, working memory, dramatic play, and cooperative learning are at the forefront."*

Below are examples of play plans. At the beginning of the year, students represent their plans with a picture to go along with their verbal plans during purposeful play centers. Then students add their message with a line representing each word, which always starts with the stem, I am going to...



We are very excited with the progress our students have been making! So excited to see what these preschoolers will be creating by the end of the year.

The teachers have been so impressed with how well our students have adjusted to wearing masks and following the social distancing rules as best we can. Children are amazing and we hope school stays open. If school does

go remote, we do have virtual classrooms set up to continue the Tools of the Mind activities. Currently our distance learners are accessing the online portal so they are able to do the same activities we are doing in class.