

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

February 2017

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every Wednesday
9:30am- Frog, Giraffe and Elephant
class
10:00-Owl and Butterfly Class.
*Parents are always welcome to
attend.*

Feb 13

Closed for Teacher Inservice

Feb 14

Valentine's Day Celebrations

Feb 20

Closed for President's Day

Looking forward to next
month

March 1

Ash Wednesday

March 15

Open House

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

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Director's News

Dear Families,

Welcome to February! It's been nice to have a break in all the rain and let the kids get outside....beginning to feel a little bit like spring!

This month we will be learning about our shadow, our Presidents, share some Valentines on the 14th and end the month with school Spirit Week!

As most of you know, St. Michael's participates in the Federal Food Program. In a nutshell, we are reimbursed money for serving your child healthy, nutritious food. Only food that meets USDA food requirements can be served by us, and if you bring in something for your child to eat, it must meet the requirement as well. We have noticed recently an abundance of sugary treats being brought in for birthday celebrations, and because we want everyone here to be healthy, we are reminding you of our policies. When it's your child's birthday, they are sung to by the entire school and get to wear a special crown. On the Wednesday of their birthday week, they get to be the chapel helper and light the candles. We understand you may want to bring in a treat to celebrate with their classmates so here are some good ideas: muffins, yogurt, fresh fruit, veggies and dip or fruit popsicles. We are asking that the cupcakes with the mile high frosting stay at home. As much as I love a sugary treat, habits they learn in early childhood can stay with them for a lifetime, and we'd like those to be good habits! If you have any questions about this please see me!

Tuition increase notices went in your cubbies. Tuition was increased 3% effective March 1, 2017. If you didn't get your notice please see me.

We will be having Valentine's Day celebrations in each classroom and there will be a sign up list for each room of healthy treats if you would like to bring something in. Have a great month,

Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frogs News

Hi Frogs,

Hi there!

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, we still have a lot going on. Starting Feb 6th we will introduce lowercase letters, and start to really focus on those sight words. We will be having a Valentine's Day Party on Tuesday, Feb 14th. If your child wants to participate in passing out valentine cards we have 13 children in our class. Please have your child just sign their name, no need to address them. I will put a sign up for our class party on the class door. Thank you in advance. We also started the other set of Tandem Books-Happy Reading!

Love,
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Giraffe News

Hi Giraffe Families,

January was a very productive month for us! The Giraffes go through their assessments and I had a chance to see what we need to work on the remainder of the year. I am going to introduce the student of the day, starting the first week of February. The students will get to wear a crown, be the line leader and post their picture under the letter of their first name. I am happy to share the Giraffes have been very motivated to find/write sight words as well as write our words from the letters of the week. I would like to recommend having them write your name. You could start with a simple mommy and daddy or have them actually write your name. This will also help with remembering your name as some are having a difficult time doing so. The themes I am looking forward to the most are Valentine's Day and our newest theme, Presidents.

Here's a tip for valentines treats; fruit cups, stickers, tattoos, juice boxes and muffins. All are healthy options the kids will love. If all else fails, Google is a great place to start, just type in easy preschool valentines.

"And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Colossians 3:14 NV

With lots of love!
Ms. Shonece

Owl Class News



Hi Families!

Welcome to the month of February! We had a great start to our new year with a great addition to our class, Ms. Misti. This month we have a lot of fun learning activities planned. We will be introducing new shapes, numbers, and will also be getting ready for Valentine's Day. The Owl's will be learning the shape of a heart, about love and their feelings. Ms. Misti and I will also try our best to have daily Owl notes go home, look for them in your parent cubby. Lastly, for those who would like some volunteer hours, please take a look at the Owl wish list posted on the class door.

Ms. Jessy

It has been a great month getting to know all of your children and I am looking forward to building a bond with each one of them. This past month we have learned new songs, and have been doing a lot of movement to help release all of their cooped up energy due to the rainy weather. We have a fun and busy month planned for us, with Groundhog Day, President's Day and all the Valentine's Day activities.

Ms. Misti

School Closures

As a reminder, St. Michael's is closed on **Monday, Feb 13th** for our **Teacher Workday** and on **Monday Feb 20th** for **President's Day**.



Elephant Class News

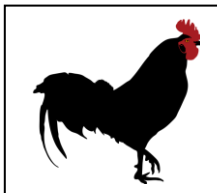
Hello my Elephant Families,

Hello Everyone!

Our month of January has come and gone and I must say that it was a very busy month. This month we learned about the season of winter, what we wear, how the weather changes, and different animals that live in the cold. We learned all about Martin Luther King Jr and why we celebrate him and how his words changed our nation. In our last two weeks, we got ready for Groundhog Day and Chinese New Year. We talked about what traditions are taken place during Chinese New Year and it being the year of the Rooster.

For the month of February we will be celebrating President's Day, Valentine's Day and having school spirit week. We have been working hard on writing our letters, I encourage you to continue practice their writing skills at home. I look forward to having another great month with the kids.

Love,
Ms. Miriam



Butterfly Class News

Hi Butterfly Families,

The Butterflies had a great January! Some of our butterflies have shown interested in going potty! We have been working on that during class time. Let us know if you need a potty training contract, and we will gladly give you one. The butterflies love the winter wonderland theme. They enjoyed when it snowed in our class and loved painting with ice!

This month we will be learning about feelings and emotions. We will be learning through singing songs and working on our emotions when we get upset. We will also have some science experiments in class too. We will also start decorating our classroom for our Valentine's Day party! The butterflies always love the Valentine's Day theme-hearts, glitter, stickers and glue! Oh my! We will have a sign-up sheet for snacks to bring soon.

Have a wonderful February!
Love, Ms. Kittie

GROUND
HOG
DAY



February Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pineapple Milk	2 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Carrots Apples Milk	3 Enchilada Casserole Garden Salad Peaches Milk	
	6 English Muffin Pizzas Peas Peaches Milk	7 Bean and Cheese Burrito Mixed Veggies Oranges Milk	8 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Apples Milk	9 Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese Tortillas Pears Milk	10 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Applesauce Milk	
	13 Center Closed for Teacher Workday	14 Spanish Rice with Meat and Cheese Spinach Apples Milk	15 Black Beans and Chicken Cornbread Oranges Milk	16 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Applesauce Milk	17 Turkey Tacos with Meat & Cheese Garden Salad Bananas Milk	
	20 Center Closed for President's Day	21 Mac and Cheese Peas Pineapple Milk	22 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Bananas Milk	23 Chili Mac Garden Salad Apples Milk	24 Sloppy Joe's Green Beans Peaches Milk	
	27 Spanish Rice with Meat and Cheese Mixed Veggies Applesauce Milk	28 English Muffin Pizza Garden Salad Pineapple Milk				



February Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Oranges Granola Bar with Pears	2 Pancakes with Syrup and Milk Corn Chips and Guacamole	3 Oatmeal and Peaches Pepper Slices with Hummus and Pita Chips	
	6 Waffles with Jam and Milk Rainbow Muffins and Apple Slices	7 Life Cereal and Milk Trail Mix and Bananas	8 Bagels and Cream Cheese with Pears Ritz Crackers and Cheddar Cheese	9 Granola Bar and Applesauce Rice Cakes with Cream Cheese and Pears	10 Oat Bran Muffins with Orange Slices Tortilla Rollups with Turkey and Cream Cheese	
	13 Center Closed for Teacher Workday	14 Life Cereal with Bananas and Milk Cheese Quesadillas	15 English Muffins with Apple Slices Ritz Crackers and Cheddar	16 Waffles with Jelly and Fresh Pears Triscuit Crackers and Tuna Salad	17 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Orange Juice Turkey and Cheese Slices with French Bread	
	20 Center Closed for President's Day	21 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Bananas String Cheese and Rice Cakes	22 Oatmeal with Peaches Yogurt and Pears	23 Belvita Bars with Applesauce Triscuit and Cheese	24 Scrambled Eggs with Biscuits Cheese Quesadillas	
	30 Oat Bran Muffins with Oranges French Bread and Cheddar Cheese	31 Cheerios with Bananas and Milk Yogurt Smoothies				