

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

January 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.*

Jan 2

Closed for New Year Holiday

Jan 12

Pajama Story Night

Jan 16

Closed for MLK Day

Looking forward to next month

TBA

Parent Teacher
Conferences

Feb 13

Closed for Teacher
Workday

Feb 20

Closed for President's Day

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Director's News

Dear Families,

Welcome to January! I don't know about you, but I sure felt like December just flew by! How did that happen? We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for a great 2017.

Over the break we had all of our windows replaced! The windows we had were original to the building so they have definitely seen better days. Our new windows open easily, are safer, look better, and hopefully will help decrease our PGE bill. And they are pretty too! They certainly make the classrooms seem brighter!

January is a little slower after the business of the holidays, and for that we are grateful! We do have our Pajama Story night this month, on Jan 12. It starts at 6:30 and lasts about an hour. Sign ups are on the help board. Hope to see you here! We also have lots of winter/cold weather activities, and will be talking about friendships. The teachers will be working on your child's assessment and we will be scheduling parent teacher conferences soon. Look for sign ups soon.

For all our Pre-K Parents, it is time for you to start thinking about Kindergarten! At your parent teacher conference you will receive a packet called "A Roadmap to Kindergarten" put out by the Contra Costa Office of Education. It is a great tool to partner with us to make sure all the steps are taken to get your child ready. If you have any questions about how to enroll for Kindergarten we will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Thank you again to all of our wonderful families. You didn't bat an eye when we had to change our Holiday Program at the last minute, and it ended up being so much fun! You guys really are the best! Here's hoping 2017 is good to all of us.

Happy New Year!

Love,

Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frogs News

Hi Frogs,

December was a month full of that sneaky Elf, making Christmas memories and enjoying our days together. I hope that you and yours had a wonderful Christmas. It sure is nice to be able to spend time with family, but boy, I am ready to be back with my kids and looking forward to learning and having fun together!

We will spend time this month completing the assessments on each child and I will be putting aside time to meet individually with each family. It's getting to be time to register your child for Kindergarten, lots of excitement ahead. We will continue on with Handwriting without Tears, work on winter fun, and continue on with literacy. A fun, "back to normal" month ahead!

Love,
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Giraffe News

Hi Giraffe Families,

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful winter break. As we come into the New Year I will be encouraging the Giraffes to draw beyond a scribble using pictures from "I Can Draw Animals" by Ray Gibson. We will be introducing sight words and use them to start writing basic words. Along with the sight words we will continue to read our Scholastic "I Can Read" books during circle to encourage our Giraffes who've shown interest in reading. If you would please send a photo via email of your or a family member reading the Tandem books, I would appreciate it. I will post them in our book are to promote positive discussions about reading. I will also be finishing up assessments this week and Teacher Parent conferences will be announced at a later time. I am looking forward to literacy and friendship theme this month.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

With lots of love!
Ms. Shonece

Owl Class News



Hello Owl Families,

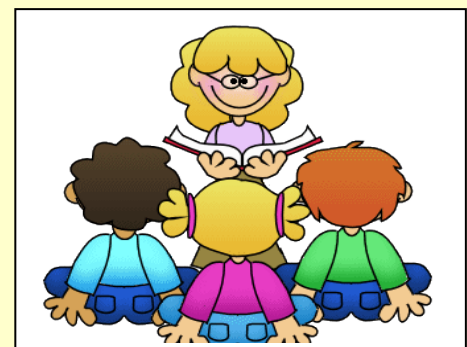
I have just settled in to the daily routine of the Owl and I love it! Your children are eager to learn, and are a very loving bunch of children.

December was spent getting to know each other and learn what we do throughout the day. If I haven't had a chance to meet you yet, please stop by and say hi.

This month we will focus on literacy and how wonderful it is to share a story together. We will talk about friends, and how we build friendships. We will also continue on with Winter and all the fun the cold weather brings.

Thank you for the warm welcome!

Love,
Ms. Jessy





Elephant Class News

Hello my Elephant Families,

Welcome to a New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year with your loved ones. I'm super excited to come back with a fresh start. And ready to begin our learning! Along with our weekly themes in January such as winter wonderland and literacy week, our main focus for the rest of the school year will be learning, recognizing and writing our letters. My goal is that each child leave the class writing their names and to be ready for Pre-K. I know we can achieve that and so much more. I'm looking forward to so many new adventures as a class.

Love,
Ms. Miriam



Butterfly Class News

Hi Butterfly Families,

Happy New Year! I always love the New Year because the Butterflies are getting older and we are going to start doing different activities in class. I'm really excited that their attention span has grown and we are able to add more activities during circle time.

We are re-introducing self help skills this month. We will be promoting positive independent skills and you could help with that at home. Start with allowing them to get dressed themselves, as much as they can. Encourage them to use utensils. Our number one goal is potty training. Help them become successful by wearing easy on, easy off clothes. I would be happy to share the potty training agreement with you again, it really helps us both be on the same page.

We had a wonderful December and had a great time with our Christmas activities. I hope that you and your family can come to Pajama Story Night. It's always a favorite with the Butterflies.

As always, I am available to talk anytime, feel free to seek me outside, in the classroom or on Remind. Have a great January!

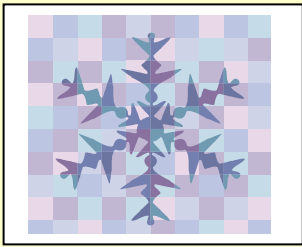
Love,

Ms.Kittie

January Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5	3 Turkey Chili French Bread Apple Milk	4 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Garden Salad Oranges Milk	5 Sloppy Joe's Peas Peaches Milk	6 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Salad Milk	
	9 English Muffin Pizzas Peas Peaches Milk	10 Bean and Cheese Burrito Mixed Veggies Oranges Milk	11 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Apples Milk	12 Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese Tortillas Pears Milk	13 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Applesauce Milk	
	16 Closed for MLK Day	17 Spanish Rice with Meat and Cheese Spinach Apples Milk	18 Black Beans and Chicken Cornbread Oranges Milk	19 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Applesauce Milk	20 Turkey Tacos with Meat, Cheese Garden Salad Bananas Milk	
	23 Tamale Pie Corn Oranges Milk	24 Mac and Cheese Peas Pineapple Milk	25 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Bananas Milk	26 Chili Mac Garden Salad Apples Milk	27 Sloppy Joe's Green Beans Peaches Milk	
	30 Spanish Rice with Meat and Cheese Mixed Veggies Applesauce Milk	31 English Muffin Pizza Garden Salad Pineapple Milk				



January Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		3 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Apple Juice Cheddar Cheese with Wheat Crackers	4 Cheerios with Bananas and Milk Cheeze It Crackers and Sliced Turkey	5 Oat Bran Muffin with Oranges Yogurt and Pears	6 Oatmeal and Peaches Pepper Slices with Hummus and Pita Chips	
	9 Waffles with Jam and Milk Celery and Carrots with Ranch and Rice Cakes	10 Life Cereal and Milk Trail Mix and Pears	11 Bagels and Cream Cheese with Pears Cinnamon Toast and Apples	12 Granola Bar and Applesauce Cheddar Cheese and Ritz	13 Oat Bran Muffins with Orange Slices Tortilla Rollups with Turkey and Cream Cheese	
	16 Center Closed for MLK Day	17 Life Cereal with Bananas and Milk Cheese Quesadillas	18 English Muffins with Apple Slices Ritz Crackers and Cheddar	19 Waffles with Jelly and Fresh Pears Triscuit Crackers and Tuna Salad	20 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Orange Juice Ham Slices with French Bread	
	23 Pancakes with Syrup and Milk Peppers, Celery, Carrots with Ranch and Ritz	24 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Bananas String Cheese and Rice Cakes	25 Oatmeal with Peaches Yogurt and Pears	26 Belvita Bars with Applesauce Triscuit and Cheese	27 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				