

# St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

## April 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.*

#### April 13

Easter Egg Hunt and Parties

#### April 14

Closed for Good Friday

#### April 16

Happy Easter!

#### April 20-21

School Pictures

### Looking forward to next month

#### May 12

Mother's Day Luncheon at  
12:00

#### May 29

Closed for Memorial Day

#### June 9

Pre-K Graduation

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### Director's News

Dear Families,

Welcome to April! Finally, good weather, gardening, outdoor play and days of sun and fun! March seemed to fly by! We are so happy to finally have the rain stop, and excited that now that the drought seems to be over, we can include water play in our summer plans. Speaking of summer, we have begun our summer planning and will have many fun weeks of camping, water play, special events, bbq's and so much more. We will be sending out our summer/fall enrollment forms soon, please take a moment to let us know your plans so we can plan accordingly. And just a reminder for all my Pre-K families, Graduation is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the church. Mark your calendars; it's an event you won't want to miss!

Just a reminder for all our great moms, grandmas, nanas and aunties...our Mother's Day Lunch is Friday, May 12 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. We hope you can join us for a special day celebrating you!

We have been busy working with the QRIS program. We are looking at all areas of our curriculum, from environment to food service, to teacher child interaction. It's a wonderful program, a lot of work, but we are happy to be in it. The end result is a better program for your child so that's a win-win in my book. We will be working with the First 5 coaches to come up with our year long set of goals. We received our first stipend from the program to purchase materials needed to enhance the environment. Everyone here knows I like to shop! It's been fun being able to really enrich the environment for the kids...they love it too!

The teachers recently put up wish lists for the classrooms, and a huge THANK YOU to all the families who donated. A special thank you to the Maloney family for their family's generous donation to our program. It truly impacts what we can provide for the kids, I can't thank you all enough for the support!!!

*Ms. Colleen*



## Pre-K Frogs News

Hi There!

March proved to be a very exciting month in the Frog Class. We covered Dr. Seuss, our 5 Senses, Spring and St. Patrick's Day. Although we did not catch that very tricky leprechaun, everyone sure had fun making a trap and trying! Maybe next year. I hope all of you had fun at Open House checking out our awesome classrooms and the beautiful work your child has been doing.

April will be full of more wonderful activities. Our units will include Bugs and Insects, Easter, Earth Day and Recycling. We will also be incorporating real caterpillars into the classroom in order for the children to experience their change into butterflies.

"Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life." -SD Gordon  
Love, Ms. Diana



## Pre-K Giraffe News

Hi Giraffe Families,

Wow! March went by faster than expected! As we move into April I will start to arrange the curriculum and classroom towards the ECERS rating system that we are now adopting in our classrooms in association with First 5. The children will be allowed more expressive freedom in their artwork as well as have more opportunities for exploration. I will continue to add cooking in to our curriculum as well as small group activities that focus on math, language and science.

On our calendar I have added some events on Saturdays that are offered free of charge through Lakeshore Learning in Walnut Creek. My hopes are to slowly put various events and parent workshops happening in the community. I would also like to thank the families who have signed up on our class wish list. I will try to revamp the class wish list every month as the children's interests change and needs of the classroom change. I am looking forward to ALL the themes this month from our spider cooking project during bug's week to music week where giraffes will share their favorite songs and listen to the music that nature makes.

Proverbs 4:11-12 "I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight Paths. When you walk your steps will not be hampered; when you run you will not stumble."

With lots of love!  
Ms. Shonece

Spring Field Trip-we are still working with Durham to try to come up with a date for the spring trip. We should have an answer by early next week, we will keep you posted!

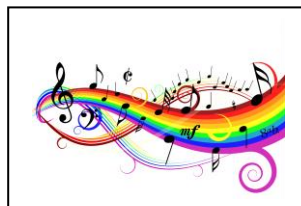
## Owl Class News



Hi Owl Families,

It has been a great month full of learning activities- from shape reviewing, to learning about their five senses; the Owls have been busy! Now it is time to move onto sunny days full of activities about insects, taking care of our earth and of course, the meaning of Easter! We will also be talking about musical instruments, because it is never too soon to introduce different genres of music to our little ones. With all that said, here's to a great month!

Ms. Misti and Ms. Jessy





## Elephant Class News

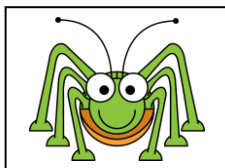
Hello Again,

Another month has gone by quickly and with that we are ready to welcome in April. This month we will be learning about all different types of bugs and insects. We will talk about the role they play to our environment and why every bug is unique in their own way. In honor of Earth Day, we will learn why it is important to take care of the earth and the different ways to take care of it. In the month of April, we celebrate Easter and we learn about the meaning of Easter, how we celebrate it and of course, we have our Easter Egg Hunt.

I wanted to thank everyone who came to Open House and took the time to see your child's art work and ask questions. Also, a big thank you to those families who have donated to our class wish list, please remember you are not only helping out the classroom but also knocking out some parent hours.

April is here and we're all ready to enjoy the spring weather and get started on new and fun learning adventures.

Love,  
Ms. Miriam



## Butterfly Class News

Hi Butterfly Families,  
Happy April! March was a busy month in the Butterfly classroom. With Ms. Shonece's help we changed the classroom environment to be functional for the new rating system that we are using. Thank you Ms. Shonece! The butterflies have been adapting very well. It was wonderful to see families come to Open House. Butterflies had a great time singing and showing off our classroom.

For the next few months we will be focusing on social and emotional development. We will be working on skills such as emotional regulation, impulse control, social understanding and empathy; we will start working on the social emotional skills in circle time. Starting the first of the month we will have a stuffed butterfly named Swallowtail. We will be working with Swallowtail during circle time. Learning how to be gentle with her and talking to her softly, she will be a key part working on our social skills.

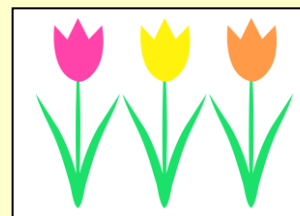
The Butterfly class has been enjoying looking at our live caterpillars and watching them grow. Bug week we will talk about other insects. Musical instrument week we will make different musical instruments for our Butterfly rock band. Check out the Butterfly wish list for some recyclable items for making our own instruments.

Love, Ms. Kittie

### School Pictures

*We will be having Spring School Pictures on Thursday and Friday April 20-21. Pre K will also take their graduation pictures. Pictures from 10-12 each morning. Butterflies, Owls and Elephants on Thurs, Giraffes and Frogs on Friday.*

# April Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 Ravioli French Bread Green Beans Applesauce Milk	4 Spanish Rice Peas Peaches Milk	5 Chili Corn Chips Green Beans Pineapple Milk	6 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Carrots Apples Milk	7 Fish Sticks Wheat Bread Corn Oranges Milk	
	10 English Muffin Pizzas Peas Peaches Milk	11 Mac and Cheese Mixed Veggies Oranges Milk	12 Bean and Cheese Burrito Green Beans Apples Milk	13 Chef Salad with Turkey and Cheese French Bread Pears Milk	14 St. Michael's is closed for Good Friday	
	17 Meatball Sliders Mixed Veg Peaches Milk	18 Chili Corn Chips Oranges Milk	19 Spanish Rice Spinach Apples Milk	20 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Applesauce Milk	21 Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese Pears Milk	
	24 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Carrots Applesauce Milk	25 Baked Ziti Peas Pineapple Milk	26 Bean and Cheese Burrito Green Mixed Veggies Bananas Milk	27 Chili Cornbread Apples Milk	28 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Peaches Milk	
	27 Spanish Rice with Meat and Cheese Mixed Veggies Applesauce Milk	28 English Muffin Pizza Garden Salad Pineapple Milk	29 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Pears Milk	30 Taco Salad Cornbread Peaches Milk	31 Chicken Nuggets French Bread Carrots Apples Milk	



# April Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Cheerios with Milk and Bananas  Ritz Crackers with Cream Cheese and Salami	2 Biscuits with Jelly and Bananas  Rice Krispy Treats and Apples	5 Waffles with Jam and Oranges  Granola Bar with Pears	6 Belvita Bars and Apples  Triscuits and Tuna	7 Oatmeal and Peaches  Pepper Slices with Hummus and Pita Chips	
	10 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Applesauce  Rainbow Muffins and Apple Slices	11 Life Cereal and Milk  Trail Mix and Bananas	12 Waffles with Jam and Milk  Ritz Crackers and Cheddar Cheese	13 Granola Bar and Applesauce  Rice Cakes with Cream Cheese and Pears	14 St. Michael's is closed for Good Friday	
	17 Pancakes with Syrup and Milk  Trail Mix and Fresh Fruit	18 Life Cereal with Bananas and Milk  Cheese Quesadillas	19 English Muffins with Apple Slices  Ritz Crackers and Cheddar	20 Waffles with Jelly and Fresh Pears  Triscuit Crackers and Tuna Salad	21 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Orange Juice  Turkey and Cheese with French Bread	
	24 Nutra Grain Bars and Oranges  Ants on a Log	25 Oat Bran Bread and Apples  Pretzels and Bananas	26 Granola Bars and Pears  Guac and Corn Chips	27 Belvita Bars and Orange Juice  Hummus and Pepper Slices	28 Yogurt and Fruit  Cheddar Cheese and Triscuits	