

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

December 2017

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every Wednesday
9:30am- Frog, Monkey and Elephant class
10:00-Owl and Butterfly Class.

Parents are always welcome to attend.

Dec 15

Christmas Program at 6:30

Dec 22

Baby Jesus' Birthday Party

Dec 25-Jan 1

Closed for Christmas Break

Looking forward to next
month

Jan 1st

Happy New Year!

Jan 2nd

School Re-opens

Jan 15th

Closed for MLK Jr. Birthday

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Director's News

Dear Families,

Happy Holidays! I hope you all had a restful Thanksgiving. A huge thank you to all who participated in the Sees Candy Fundraiser! We sold enough to get our floors! Woohoo! We have purchased enough to get the hallway done over the Christmas break, and will be ordering the remainder of the flooring this month to do the classrooms in the first part of the year. I can't thank you all enough, we do great things when we all work together.

Last month we had the great pleasure of seeing four of our students get baptized! Congratulations to Matt and Kat Vigil, Lukas Perez (and his older brother Henrik) and Sophia Ellis! Several of our families joined us for the service, it was so wonderful to see you all.

This month is a time of great excitement in anticipation of Christmas. We are practicing our songs for our Christmas program, so please mark the date of Dec 15 on your calendar. The program starts at 6:30 in the church, followed by crafts in the preschool. We will send out more info later but you won't want to miss it! All the children will be participating!

We are working with MDUSD's Hope Program in helping to provide less fortunate children gifts this holiday season. The Hope program serves homeless youth in the Mt. Diablo school district. We have placed the gift tags on our Christmas Tree, if you are interested in helping out, get a tag, purchase the items, and bring the wrapped item with the tag back by Dec 13. Some of the tags have several gift requests, so we are happy to help families work together to share the requests.

As our year comes to an end, I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing us to share the privilege of taking care of your children. We as a staff never forget that it is indeed a privilege to be able to share our day with them. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and see you next year!

Until next month,
Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frogs News

Hello there!

It is the most wonderful time of the year! It's so exciting for me to share my excitement and the anticipation of the Christmas season with your child. I'm looking forward to making many decorations and ornaments for your home that I am sure you will cherish for many years to come. We will also be making a special gift for you as well!

The Pre-K frogs might even be getting a special visitor from the North Pole, we will have to wait and see! So, here's to a fun filled month ahead. Wishing all of my special families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love always, Ms. Diana



Pre-K Monkey News

DEAR MONKEY FAMILIES,

WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER GREAT MONTH. THE KIDS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD IN THEIR WORKBOOKS, LEARNING TO SPELL AND WRITE THEIR NAMES. THEY ARE ALSO CONTINUING TO WORK HARD TO BE BUCKET FILLERS! FOR NOVEMBER, I CHANGED OUR DRAMATIC PLAY AREA TO A FIX IT STATION. IT HAS GIVEN THE CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROBLEM SOLVE. THEY HAVE REALLY BEEN ENJOYING THIS AREA AND THEIR PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS ARE REALLY BEING STRENGTHENED!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ALL THE WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BRINGS. WE WILL BE DECORATING OUR ROOM, SINGING SONGS, MAKING TREATS, AND MAYBE EVEN A SURPRISE FOR YOU. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

LOVE,
MS. MISTI



Elephant Class News

HELLO ELEPHANT FAMILIES!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A FUN AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING WITH YOUR LOVED ONES. WE KEPT BUSY LAST MONTH LEARNING WHY THANKSGIVING IS A SPECIAL HOLIDAY. WE SHARED ABOUT THE MANY PEOPLE AND THINGS WE ARE THANKFUL FOR. THE CHILDREN ENJOYED MAKING AND EATING THEIR APPLE PIE IN A CUP, AND THEIR TURKEY HANDS. THIS MONTH WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS AND THE BIRTH OF BABY JESUS. WE WILL TRY TO HAVE A COOKING AND SCIENCE ACTIVITY EACH WEEK THAT GOES WITH THE THEME OF CHRISTMAS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE MONTHLY CURRICULUM TO SEE OUR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN CLASS AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL WIDE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, AND TAKE NOTE OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES.

LASTLY, I WANTED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW, THAT AFTER BEING TOGETHER FOR 3 WEEKS, WE DISCOVERED SAMMY AND GEORGIE DIDN'T GET ALONG! SAMMY HAS NOW MOVED TO THE MONKEY CLASS! GEORGIE MUST LIKE BEING AN ONLY CHILD!

MANY BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

LOVE,
MISS. MIRIAM

Butterfly Class News



Hello Families,

Happy Holidays! This last month the Butterflies learned about animal homes, who we are thankful for, and decorated our own turkeys!

This month we are going to learn about Christmas around the World, Christmas and baby Jesus. We will also continue to work on social and emotional skills. We will also work on our special Christmas gifts for our family. Please join us at our Christmas Party, Dec 15.

Thank you, families for gifting us items on our wish list, we really appreciate it! We hope that you and yours have a wonderful Christmas break and see you next year!

Ms. Kittie and Ms. Kristen

Owl Class News



Dear Owl Families,

Happy Holidays! It is now one of our favorite, and busiest, months of the year. This is the time of year where our Owls will be working on holiday activities as well as practicing their Christmas songs. For the month of November, we would like to wish Happy Birthday to Ariana, Lily, Brooklyn and Ayla!

As part of our November curriculum, we really tried to focus on letter and name recognition. This is something that we begin to practice with the Owls and is very important that they also practice at home with you. Some great ways to practice this with your child is to allow them to find their cubby in the morning, or when they get picked up. You can also practice tracing their names at home, or simply point out letters in their name and have them identify them.

This month we also went over the meaning of being thankful. We started by explaining what the word thankful meant, then we read a story on everything we can be thankful for, and lastly, we had a circle time where we shared what we were thankful for.

To begin December, we will explain to the Owls what Christmas is all about. We will be reading stories about baby Jesus as well as some other Christmas stories. For our cooking project we will be making and decorating Christmas cookies! As for our party for baby Jesus, it will be on Dec 22.

We hope to see you at our Christmas Program on Dec 15th. You won't want to miss our wonderful Owl singers!

Ms. Jessy and Ms. Shonece



Please join us on Dec 15 at 6:30 for our Annual Christmas Party. We will start in the church where the children will be performing songs for you! After the singing we will go over to the preschool for crafts, cookie decorating, tree trimming and fellowship. Hope to see you here!

Merry Christmas!



Chapel Topics

Dec 6-Advent and John the Baptist

Dec 13-Mary

Dec 20-The Birth of Jesus

December Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Spanish Rice Green Beans Applesauce Milk	
	4 Chili Mac French Bread Pineapple Milk	5 Penne Pasta With Meat Sauce Green Salad Peaches Milk	6 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Apples Milk	7 Taco Salad Cornbread Applesauce Milk	8 Fish Sticks Wheat Rolls Peas Pears Milk	
	11 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Peas Pears Milk	12 Sloppy Joes Green Beans Apples Milk	13 Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad Pineapple Milk	14 English Muffin Pizza Mixed Veggies Oranges Milk	15 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Mixed Veggies Oranges Milk	
	18 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Garden Salad Apples Milk	19 Chili Cornbread Peaches Milk	20 Meatball Sliders Carrots Pears Milk	21 Spanish Rice Mixed Veggies Pineapple Milk	22 Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Pears Milk	
	25	26	27	28	29	
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December Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Belvita Bars with Milk Trail Mix Apples	
	4 Toasted Bagels with Cream Cheese and Oranges String Cheese and Ritz	5 Cinnamon Toast and Applesauce Trail Mix and Pears	6 Pancakes with Syrup and Milk Monkey Bread and Milk	7 Blueberry Bread and Milk Granola Bars and Apples	8 Blueberry Muffins and Juice Ritz Crackers and Egg Salad	
	11 Yogurt and Pears Banana Muffins with Apples	12 Rainbow Muffins and Bananas Fruit Salsa and Cinnamon Pita Chips	13 Biscuits with Jelly and Milk Triscuits and Cheese	14 Tortilla Rollups with Turkey and Cheese Trail Mix and Watermelon	15 English Muffins with Cheese Granola Bars with Oranges	
	18 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Wheat Thins and Apples	19 Waffles with Jam and Milk Ritz Crackers and Cheddar Cheese	20 Cinnamon Toast and Oranges Cheesy Garlic Bread	21 Oatmeal and Milk Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit	22 French Toast and Hot Chocolate Trail Mix Apples	