

# St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

## February 2018

### Upcoming Events

#### Chapel

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

*Parents are always welcome to attend.*

#### Feb 12

Closed for Teacher In-Service

#### Feb 14

Ash Wednesday and Valentine's  
Day  
Parties

#### Feb 19

Closed for President's Day

Looking forward to next  
month

#### March 1

Pajama Story Night

#### March 17

St. Paddy's Day Celebrations

#### March 30

Closed for Good Friday

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### Director's News

Dear Families,

Welcome to February! The month of love, Chinese New Year, and getting ready to garden. January was the month we got back into our routines and believe it or not, started summer planning!

Just to keep you up to speed on the new classroom, we have currently not increased our capacity, we are finishing up some work for the fire marshal and we hope to have it up and running in the spring.

We will have sign ups posted on the help board for families who will be leaving us this summer. When you know your child's start date at their new school, please let us know. Believe it or not, we have had families on our wait list for over 6 months! As sad as we are to see you go, you will make a new family very happy!

Thank you to Greg Napolitano who installed the baseboards in the hallway! They look great and we sure appreciate the help!

As we start the month of Feb we hope we are saying good bye to this awful flu bug that is going around. It hit us pretty hard this year, and I think we do a good job of keeping the school clean, having kids wash hands, etc. It even hit me, and I haven't called in sick in 15+ years! There goes my spotless record. I know it's difficult to stay home when your child is sick, so when they are healthy is a good time to come up with a game plan for sick days!

Just a reminder...we are closed on Feb 12 for Teacher In-service Day and Feb 19 for President's Day. We have a fun day of learning planned for the teachers, but it's a secret, so I'll fill you in next month on what we did.

Until next month,  
Ms. Colleen



## Pre-K Frogs News

Hello!

Just wanted to say thank you to all who took the time out of your busy schedule to com chat with me during your child's conference. We are about halfway through the school year and the assessments are a big help to find out what we need to continue to work on. I am very proud of all my frogs, they all have taken a great interest in writing and they are doing a very good job. Although February is a short month we will be very busy. Squeaker will make his appearance and he will help us to start making sentences. Love is in the air, we will be having our class Valentine's party on Feb 14. Sign-ups posted outside the door soon. If you would like your child to participate, please bring 13 cards signed by your child. No need to address them!

Love,  
Ms. Diana



## Pre-K Monkey News

Hello Families,

I want to say thank you to everyone that came to the conferences, it was great talking with each of you about the progress of your child.

This month we will be starting to work on recognizing and writing lowercase letters. I will also be introducing word time, which will help teach the children to speak in complete sentences with verbs, adjectives, and nouns.

We will have our Valentines party after chapel from 11-12. They will be able to pass out their Valentines, please have them write just their name on the card, and they are they are welcome to bring a special treat if they like.

Love always,  
Ms. Misti



## Elephant Class News

Hello Elephant Families,

We started and finished the new month in a new year with a bang! It was hard at first getting back to our regular daily routines after some time off but we're slowly getting back. For the month of January, we focused on talking about the season of winter, Martin Luther King Jr, and the different types of weather. We talked about winter actives such as what to do in the snow, what kind of clothes are worn in the snow and cold. And what type of animals can or can't live in the cold. We celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. by learning about the great things he did and learning about his powerful words that helped change the world. I was so proud to see the child learn the concept of peace and how one person can make such a difference. For weather week we focused on the different types of weather we may or may not often see. We talked about how rainbows are formed, how hot is the sun, how is rain made, and thunderstorm. It amazes me how well the children retain the topics we talk about and are always enthusiastic to learn more.

Our school theme for the month of February is love is in the air, with this theme will discuss the people and things we love in our lives. How we can show actions of our love by giving hugs, using kind words, or just by sharing. February 14<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day for we will have chapel in the morning like every Wednesday and later will celebrate valentine's day with a class party, more details to come later about this event. Other smaller themes we will be looking into in February are President's week, Chinese New Year, and dental health week. I will also be dedicating every Wednesday to practice writing our names. We will begin by identifying what letters are in our own names and then starting writing. Please remember to also practice at home with your child. I believe it is important for the child to know how to spell and identify their name before starting the writing process.

A couple of reminders for this month, school we will be closed on February 12<sup>th</sup> for a staff in service day and then on February 19<sup>th</sup> for President's day, please remember to always look at our class curriculum to see what event(s) we will be having for the month. Also, I will be on vacation from February 08<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, I'm sad to be missing valentine's day with my kids but will leave something special for each of them. The week that I am gone Mrs. Alicia or Mrs. Colleen will be taking over my class. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by and talk to me at any time.

Lots of love,  
Miss. Miriam

## Butterfly Class News



Hi Butterflies,

The Butterflies had a great January! We are proud of the butterfly's transition to potty training; it was an easy transition this month. Thank you parents for working with us. Also, this month the butterflies were very interested about drawing and "writing". We will work on this interest and build on it.

This month we're going learn about feelings and emotions. This includes: singing songs and working on our emotions when we get upset. We will start decorating our classrooms for our Valentine's Day party! The butterflies always love the Valentine's Day theme. We have a Valentine's Day sign-ups sheet for our class party soon.

Have a wonderful February!

Love,  
Ms. Kittie and Ms. Kristen

## Owl Class News



DEAR OWL PARENTS,

WE HOPE YOU HAVE ALL HAD A GREAT START TO THE NEW YEAR! IT HAS DEFINITELY BEEN A GREAT YEAR SO FAR FOR US IN THE OWL CLASS; WITH LESSONS ON SELF-HELP SKILLS, FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS TALKING ABOUT OUR DAILY WEATHER AS A CLASS. SOME OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT SELF-HELP LESSONS HAVE BEEN ZIPPING UP JACKETS AND SWEATERS, BUTTONING UP PANTS, AND POURING MILK FROM A SMALL PITCHER. THESE ARE ALL TASKS THAT WE ENCOURAGE THE OWLS TO PRACTICE AT HOME.

FOR OUR FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES, WE HAVE BEEN SLOWLY INTRODUCING THE OWLS TO CUTTING WITH SMALL SCISSORS. THE OWLS HAVE BEEN PRACTICING HOW TO HOLD THE SCISSORS PROPERLY AS WELL AS CUT PAPER INTO SMALL PIECES. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE OWLS LEARN THE SAFETY RULES WITH SCISSORS AS WELL AS WHAT THEY CAN USE THEM ON.

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WE HAVE DECIDED TO TURN OUR DRAMATIC PLAY AREA INTO A BAKERY SHOP! THIS AREA WILL HAVE ITEMS SUCH AS; MEASURING CUPS/SPOONS, BAKING PANS, COOKING APRONS AND HATS, AND OTHER BAKING UTENSILS. WE ARE SURE THE OWLS WILL ENJOY THIS PLAY AREA VERY MUCH. ANOTHER AREA THAT WE HOPE TO INTRODUCE IS A DENTAL HYGIENE AREA AS PART OF SCIENCE. THIS AREA WILL ALLOW THE OWLS TO PRACTICE BRUSHING TEETH, FLOSSING, AS WELL AS HEALTHY FOODS VS FOODS THAT CAUSE CAVITIES.

THE HOLIDAYS WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH ARE VALENTINE 'S DAY, PRESIDENTS DAY, AND CHINESE NEW YEAR. FOR VALENTINE'S DAY WE WILL BE DOING ART ACTIVITIES USING THE COLORS RED AND PINK AS WELL AS HEART SHAPES, WHICH IS OUR SHAPE OF THE MONTH. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A COOKING ACTIVITY WHERE THE OWLS WILL MIX ICING COLORS TO PUT ON THEIR SUGAR COOKIES!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT MONTH OF FUN, LEARNING, AND DISCOVERING!

MS. JESSY & MS. SHONECE

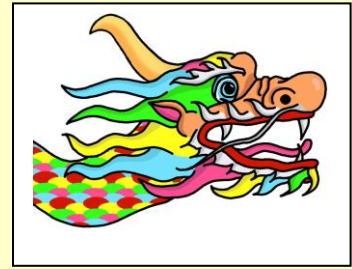
**Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 1<sup>st</sup>, Pajama Story Night. We have some great new stories to share!**



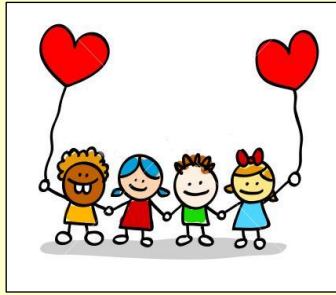
### *Chapel Topics*

- Feb 7      Lost Coin, Sheep, People*
- Feb 14     Ash Wednesday  
              The Prodigal Son*
- Feb 21     Jesus Blesses the Children*
- Feb 28     Great Catch of Fish*

# February Lunch Menu



| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|--|--|---|----------|
|        | 4   |   |  | 1<br>Taco Salad<br>Cornbread<br>Applesauce<br>Milk                     | 2<br>Mac and Cheese<br>Peas<br>Pears<br>Milk                |          |
|        | 5<br>Chicken Teriyaki<br>and Rice<br>Peas<br>Pears<br>Milk      | 6<br>Sloppy Joes<br>Green Beans<br>Apples<br>Milk         | 7<br>Chicken<br>Nuggets<br>Garden Salad<br>Pineapple<br>Milk             | 8<br>English Muffin<br>Pizza<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Oranges<br>Milk       | 9<br>Egg Salad<br>Sandwich<br>Carrots and<br>Celery<br>Milk |          |
|        | 12<br><i>Closed for<br/>Teacher<br/>Inservice</i>               | 13<br>Chili Mac<br>Peas<br>Peaches<br>Milk                | 14<br>Meatball<br>Sliders<br>Carrots<br>Pears<br>Milk                    | 15<br>Bean and<br>Cheese Burrito<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Pineapple<br>Milk | 16<br>Chinese New<br>Year<br>Celebration!                   |          |
|        | 19<br><i>Closed for<br/>President's<br/>Day</i>                 | 20<br>Beanie<br>Weenies<br>Peas<br>Pears<br>Milk          | 21<br>Spaghetti with<br>Meat Sauce<br>Garden Salad<br>Applesauce<br>Milk | 22<br>Cheese<br>Zombie<br>Tomato Soup<br>Mandarins<br>Milk             | 23<br>Tuna Sandwich<br>Corn<br>Peaches<br>Milk              |          |
|        | 26<br>Fish Sticks<br>Wheat Bread<br>Corn<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Milk | 27<br>Rigatoni with<br>Meatballs<br>Peas<br>Pears<br>Milk | 28<br>Enchilada<br>Casserole<br>Green Beans<br>Peaches<br>Milk           |  |   |          |



# February Snack Menu

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday |
|--------|--|---|--|---|---|----------|
|        | 1  | 2   | 3  | 1<br>Blueberry Bread and Milk<br><br>Triscuits and Salami and Cheddar                   | 2<br>Belvitas and Juice<br><br>Ritz Crackers and Egg Salad            |          |
|        | 5<br>Yogurt and Pears<br><br>Pirate Booty with Apples        | 6<br>Oatmeal and Bananas<br><br>Garlic Bread and Apple Juice          | 7<br>Bisquits with Oranges<br><br>Chex Mix and Pears                 | 8<br>Tortilla Rollups with Turkey and Cheese<br><br>Bagels with Cream Cheese and Turkey | 9<br>NutriGrain Bars with Milk<br><br>Granola Bars with Oranges       |          |
|        | 12<br>Center Closed for Teacher Workday                      | 13<br>Waffles with Jam and Milk<br><br>Cheese Quesadillas             | 14<br>Cinnamon Toast and Oranges<br><br>Monkey Bread and Milk        | 15<br>Scrambled Eggs with Tortillas<br><br>Blueberry Bread and Apples                   | 16<br>Pancakes with Syrup and Milk<br><br>Fortune Cookies and Oranges |          |
|        | 19<br>Center Closed for President's Day                      | 20<br>Granola Bar and Milk<br><br>Yogurt and Mixed Berries            | 21<br>Life Cereal with Bananas and Milk<br><br>Tortilla Roll-Ups     | 22<br>English Muffins with Cheese<br><br>Rice Krispy treat and Bananas                  | 23<br>Oatbran Muffins and Pears<br><br>Pita Chips and Hummus          |          |
|        | 26<br>Grahams with Milk and Bananas<br><br>Pigs in a Blanket | 27<br>Hard Boiled Eggs and Toast<br><br>Cinnamon Toast and Applesauce | 28<br>Apple Slices with Peanut or Soy Butter<br><br>Yogurt Smoothies |   |   |          |