

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

March 2020

Colleen's Corner

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*
9:30am- Frog, Monkey and Elephant class
10:00-Owl, Butterfly, Turtle and Ladybug
Class.

Parents are always welcome to attend

March 5

PJ Story Night at 6:30 pm

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Fun

March 26

Open House at 6:30

Looking Forward To Next Month

April 9

Easter Egg Hunts

April 10

Closed for Good Friday

April 22

Earth Day Fun

April 27-29

Spring Pictures (more info later)

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Hi Families,

So much going on this month! Hooray for spring! It's so nice getting the kids outside in the beautiful weather.

February was a fun month. Thank you to the staff for holding down the fort in my absence! I had a wonderful vacation, but I was sure ready to come back and see "my kids."

Our first fun event this month is PJ Story Night on March 5. It starts at 6:30 pm. You and your child come back to school in your PJ's and hear some wonderful stories in celebration of Read Across America. We end the evening with cookies and cocoa. We also have our Annual Open House on March 26th. This event also starts at 6:30. All classrooms are open and it is a great opportunity to not only see the work your child has been doing, but to check out the classrooms they may be in next school year. We end the evening with refreshments. Hope you can make both events. I've also heard that the leprechauns might be visiting around March 17?? We've never caught those sneaky guys, but we will set traps to try!

We have some big plans for the playground! As you know, we have had fundraisers in the past to help purchase new flooring. Now that we are done, we are using the Spring Fundraiser to improve our playground. We plan on adding a sensory garden, a mud kitchen, and a music area this spring. We plan on having a workday on a Saturday so we can accomplish all our goals. More info on that later!

That leads me into our Fundraiser! We are once again selling See's Candy. Orders are due by March 11 and we will have the candy available approximately 10 days later, plenty of time before Easter! We are excited to spruce up our playground and so appreciate all the support!

Our new priest, Rev. Audrey Miskelly has joined us! The kids have enjoyed meeting her at Chapel and she has popped over to see all the fun we have here. She plans on attending some of our events, so I hope you get the chance to meet her soon! Welcome Audrey!

Until next month,
Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog Families,

March already, I can't believe another month has gone by. Before you know it we will be practicing songs for graduation!

During our first week of March, we celebrate Read Across America. What a better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. That Thursday the 5th is Pajama Story Night! Fun, fun, fun!

Looking forward to our cooking project, green eggs and ham. During the week of the 16th we will build a leprechaun trap in hopes of catching that tricky little guy!

Please continue working on writing and letter recognition at home, both upper and lower case. Practice, practice, practice!

Love,
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello Tiger Families,

I wanted to say thank you for all the wonderful Valentine's gifts, that was very thoughtful, and I love them all. I also want to thank the parents who helped me out at the Valentine's day party, I really appreciate it and thank you to all the families who brought goodies for our class.

Wow, I can't believe it's March already. Time sure is flying by. We started working in our lowercase workbooks and they have been working very hard taking their time. I am so proud of them. I have also introduced word time and the kids are enjoying Squawker the parrot. They try to figure out where he will be next! Hopefully soon you will notice them starting to speak in complete sentences. Please continue working on letter recognition as well as writing. If you need any ideas, I am happy to help!

We have lots of exciting activities planned for this month. PJ Story night, Dr. Seuss week, gardening, farm to fork, and ending our month with bugs and insects. We are also going to build a trap to try and catch that sneaky leprechaun. Hopefully this year we catch him!!

Love,
Ms. Misti



Elephant Class News

Hello all my Elephant Families,

February came and went and was a busy month! We finished our lesson on the 5 senses, we celebrated Chinese New Year by making our own dragon dancers and painting with chopsticks. Our Valentines Day party was a huge success and we had a blast sharing yummy goodies and passing out our cards. Thank you to those who brought in a snack to share. We talked about what a President is and what their duties are. Finally, we ended the month by learning how to keep our teeth strong and healthy by a visit with the dentist. I was able to work on Pre-K assessments and get an idea what areas we need to work on for the remainder of the year.

In March, we will be learning about one of my favorite authors, Dr. Seuss. We will read some of his books and of course make some fun crafts inspired by his books. With the weeks to follow we will become one with nature by learning about farm animals, talking about how we get the foods we eat, and lastly gardening our little hearts out! Please be aware of some fun events happening this March such as Pajama Story night and our Open House.

Love,
Ms. Miriam

Owl Class News



Hello Owl Families,

February was such a lovely month! We had hearts all over the classroom and so many creative activities. We had a great Valentine's day party in class. We had so much food and goodies. The kids were all so excited to give their friends cards and treats. The Owls loved playing the Rolling Quarter Game. We rolled quarters for the letter Q and they felt like they were bowling.

During circle time I introduced letters, colors and shapes. This past month we talked about letters: O, P and Q. I showed the Owls how to write and make the letter by having them come up to the board to write it. I also used wooden pieces to make the letters. We practiced how to write each stroke such as big line, little line, big curve and little curve. They all did great so far! The colors we focused on were orange, red and black. We looked around the classroom to find all the colors. We worked on circles, hearts, and triangles. The kids also found these shapes all over the classroom.

This month we will work on the letters: R, S and T. As for shapes, we will focus on pentagons, hexagons and octagons. Lastly, we will work on the colors white, green and brown.

Let's get ready for another great month ahead!

Always,

Mr. Louis

Ladybug Class



Dear Ladybug Families,
Spring is coming and winter is officially behind us! I have to say this winter flew by and I cannot believe that we are now planning more outdoor activities and getting ready for warm weather. SPF anyone?!

February was definitely filled with love and friendship as the Ladybugs have grown closer than ever. They now notice when someone is not at school that day, they call each other to line up, and even make plans about who is sitting with who for lunch. I love it! With us being halfway through the alphabet, I have been spending more one on one time with your child reviewing what we have learned so far. It pleases me to see that not only do they remember most of their letters, numbers and shapes but also the way in which I introduced that particular lesson. These Ladybugs have great memories!

For the month of March, we have a lot of fun things planned. We will be doing lots of reading during Literacy week, and following that, we will prepare for St. Patrick's Day. Let me say, our leprechaun never disappoints! So, get ready for treat, gold and tricks!

I hope everyone is as excited as I am that Spring is approaching, because this means warmer weather, fun in the sun and longer days.

Love~ Ms. Jessy

Chapel Topics

March 3	Fishers of Men	Luke 5:1-11
March 10	Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-27
March 17	Jesus & the Roman Soldier	Luke 7: 1-10
March 24	Jesus Calms the Storm	Mark 4:35-41
March 31	Begin Holy Week Stories	Luke 19:1-10 Palm Sunday





Turtle Class News

Hello Turtle Families,

We had a wonderful February. Thank you for the help for the Valentine's Day party with treats and volunteering.

Can't believe it's going to be spring soon and that means trips to the garden. We already started turning the soil and Turtles love exploring outdoors. This month we will learn everything about green, caterpillars, gardening and rainbows too. For older Turtles we will start working on pre-writing and pre-reading as it is appropriate for their age. This includes recognizing their name and practicing the first letter of their name.

We will have on our wish list a caterpillar kit. This is a fun activity for the kids to see the stages the caterpillar goes through to become a butterfly. At the end of the month we will transform our dramatic play area to a garden. One of their favorites!

Love,
Ms. Kittie

Butterfly Bulletin



Hello Butterfly Families,

The Butterflies February was full of love, learning, feelings and hands on experiments. We made our own puff paint which was exciting to watch grow as we mixed it. We also learned how to make fresh squeezed berry lemonade which resulted in learning the word sour and a classroom full of smiles!

March is going to bring us the exciting world of Dr. Seuss and the playfulness of colors thanks to rainbows and spring flowers. This is a great time to also work on self help skills like being able to put on our own shoes. We're confident our little friends can do this!

We look forward to seeing our Butterfly Families at PJ Story Night and Open House!

Love,

Ms. Keri and Ms. Jen

Employee of the Month

We are recognizing a staff member's outstanding abilities or celebrating a staff member's anniversary with honoring them as Employee of the Month. Each month the staff has an opportunity to nominate a team member that they feel exemplifies excellence.

We are excited to announce our very first Employee of the Month....drumroll please! Mr. Louis! He was nominated by his team members for his willingness to go above and beyond what is expected, for always making work fun, and his helpful spirit. Thank you Mr. Louis, we appreciate your willing spirit, your fun personality and the laughter you bring to us everyday. The parking spot is all yours!!

March Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 Chili French Bread Oranges Milk	3 Hamburger Casserole Corn Applesauce Milk	4 Sloppy Joes Peas & Carrots Peaches Milk	6 Teriyaki chicken & rice Peas Pineapple Milk	6 Tuna Sandwich Carrot Sticks Apples Milk	
	9 Enchilada Casserole Green Beans Pineapple Milk	10 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Oranges Milk	11 Chicken Noodle Casserole Green Beans Pears Milk	12 Beef Tostada With All the Fixings Mandarins Milk	13 English Muffin Pizza Salad Pears Milk	
	17 Build Your Own Sandwich Veg Sticks Applesauce Milk	17 Green Day! Green Mac and Cheese Broccoli Pears Milk	18 Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Oranges Milk	19 Chili Mac Pears Milk	20 Cheese Zombies Garden Salad Apples Milk	
	23 Taco Salad Cornbread Pineapple Milk	24 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	25 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Pineapple Milk	26 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Bread Apples Milk	27 Spanish Rice Salad Oranges Milk	
	30 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Corn Peaches Milk	31 Chili French Bread Pears Milk				



March Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 Graham Crackers and Oranges Cinnamon Oatmeal Bread	3 Biscuits and Oranges Granola Bars and Applesauce	4 Cheerios and Milk Nillas and Bananas	5 Waffles with Almond Butter Banana Bread and Milk	7/6 String Cheese and Ritz Quesadillas and Apples	
	9 Biscuits with Jelly and Oranges	10 Chex Cereal and Milk Refried Beans and Cheese and Chips	11 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Cowboy Bread and Milk	12 Belvitas and Apples Almond Butter and Ritz with Bananas	13 Scrambled Eggs with Oranges Trail Mix and Pears	
	16 Breakfast Banana Split Pigs in a Blanket	17 Pancakes and Applesauce Rice Krispy Treats and Milk	18 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	19 Wheat Crackers and Cheddar Cheese Cinnamon Toast and Oranges	20 English Muffins with Melted Cheese Veggie Sticks and Wheat Crackers	
	23 Granola bars and Pears Trail Mix and Apples	24 Tortilla Roll-Ups Oat Bran Muffins and Milk	25 French Toast Sticks and Pears Blueberry Bread and Oranges	26 Cereal and Milk Cheese Quesadillas	27 Turkey and Cheese Roll-Ups Oatmeal Bar and Milk	
	30 Scrambled Eggs and Orange Juice Rice Cakes, Cream Cheese and Craisins	31 French Toast Sticks and Milk Guac and Corn Chips				