

# St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

## May 2020

### Colleen's Corner

Dear Families,

What a month it was! So many things have changed, and yet at the same time, so many things are still the same. We are all hoping this Shelter In Place is lifted soon. I bet you can say the same! In spite of everything, we had a fun month... let me fill you in.

Chapel has resumed, just a little different. I hope you have a chance to look at it on our Facebook page. Remind doesn't have video capabilities, so we have posted the Chapel videos on FB. Please friend us on FB if you haven't already. Mr. Gordon worked tirelessly to improve the quality of the video. The kids love Chapel and I am so glad we have been able to keep it going. Their faces light up when they see him on the screen. We will continue to post individual pix of Chapel on Remind.

I am happy to report that your kids tried some new foods this month and actually liked them. It's been a challenge to get the needed groceries, so we improvised. We made pulled chicken sandwiches (they loved them) homemade hash browns (a new fav) and they are even eating egg salad! Thanks for all the understanding with the menu, it seems to be getting easier to purchase the right groceries, but it has been fun trying new things. Next month, pulled pork sandwiches! We never go hungry around here.

April seemed to be a month where every single day we had to make a change. Both the kids and the staff rolled with the punches! County Health Dept and Licensing communicate with us on a regular basis. One of their recommendations is to have outside play as much as possible. With the warmer weather, we have been able to do that. We have added new things outside with our mud kitchen, music area, book area and blocks. We switched up some of the items in the sand area, less shovels and more cooking tools. They are really having fun with all the new things. We have missed our inside time though, and in May we will get back to more of our school year schedule. We are now required to have the kids in groups of no more than 10. Most days we have between 28-38 kids, so we have either 3 or 4 classrooms. Our new routine is that we are opening in the Elephant room, and then close it after about 8:30. That gives us a chance to sanitize it before the next day. We have split the kids into 3 or 4 groups, based on the day's attendance. We have a younger group which is the two's and young threes. Miriam and Kittie are taking this group. We have an older group, the pre-k, which Misti takes, and we have 2 groups of three's and four's which Louis and Jessy take. We want to make sure that your child feels connected to their "classroom teacher". They know all of us, but it is important for them to feel connected to the same teacher and routine. Daily routine is so important right now, so many things have been taken from them. It's hard for them to understand, it's hard for me to understand! We want to continue to be their safe place, their happy place, the place where their friends are. In the meantime, all classrooms are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized nightly. And just so you know we mean business; we had our janitorial stop their nightly service. As both a mom and a director, I felt they cleaned, but not to the level of what we are now required. So as a staff we took it on ourselves. We want to be able to say with complete honesty, that the cleaning and sanitation has been done to the level required.

You've probably figured out that there won't be a Mother's Day breakfast. We do have some surprises up our sleeves though, so all you moms, don't you worry! We have some fun ahead for you! We have said that when this is all over, we are having a big celebration! Sure wish I knew when that would be! We miss all of you! Pre-Graduation is still up in the air, I doubt it will be the same as previous years, but we will do something. We have a few ideas, and will decide which to do sometime in May. Thank you again for all of your understanding. St. Michael's families are the best.

Until next month,

Ms. Colleen



## The "Seniors"

Hello Seniors!

I can't believe it's May already. I want to wish all of our Mom's a very Happy Mother's Day.

This month we will be getting back to our daily routines, finishing up our workbooks and crafts for their portfolio's. Our themes for this month are Mothers are Special, Community Helpers, All About Me, and Children Around the World. I will post our calendar on Remind so you can see the activities we have planned.

The kids have been doing great with hand washing and covering their coughs and sneeze's. We are also cleaning and sanitizing daily.

I miss seeing you all daily and can't wait for things to get back to normal. Be safe and have a blessed month.

Love,  
Ms. Misti

## The "Juniors"



Wow, what a month April has been! Thank you to all the families for being so flexible during these unprecedented times. We will continue taking all the necessary precautions to keep us all health and safe during this time. The kids have all been great practicing good hygiene. We are also incorporating social distancing to the best of our abilities!

As for the month of May, we will be combining the Owls and Ladybugs! Ms. Jessy and I are excited to continue with our classroom routines and lesson plans. Unfortunately, we will not be hosting a Mother's Day event this year, however, we do have some surprises in store for you!

For our kids that haven't been able to attend school, we miss you all! We hope and pray that you are staying safe! We can't wait to have us all back together at school again!

Love,

Mr. Louis and Ms. Jessy

## The "Freshmen"



Hello Families,

What a crazy couple of months we have had! We've had many changes throughout the month of April and are working together to make things around here feel normal. For the time being, Ms. Kittie and I will co-teach in the Butterfly class. Many of you many not know that a couple years back we were both together in the same class helping our little 2's and 3's. We are excited to be working together once again. D

During the month of May, we will be getting back into the routine of class time which will consist of a short circle and art. Our themes for this month are Mother's are Special, Community Helpers, All About Me, and ending with a week of Children Around the World. Our main goal for the class this month is to work on potty training! We've noticed that they are staying dry for longer periods of time and are interested in the potty. Hopefully we can have a class full of potty users, because let's be honest, with all the craziness, who wants to go to the store for diapers?! Hope everyone stays safe and healthy!

Love,  
Ms. Miriam and Ms. Kittie

# May Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3			1 English Muffin Pizza Salad Pears Milk	
	4 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Pineapple Milk	5 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Oranges Milk	6 Cheeseburgers Tots Applesauce Milk	7 Pulled Chicken Sliders Peas Pears Milk	8 Sloppy Joes Peas & Carrots Peaches Milk	
	11 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	12 Spanish Rice Green Beans Pears Milk	13 Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Oranges Milk	14 Meatballs Roasted Red Potatoes Bread Pineapple Milk	15 Cheese Zombies Garden Salad Apples Milk	
	18 Pulled Pork Sliders Corn Applesauce Milk	19 Loaded Chili Fries Pears Milk	20 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Melon Milk	21 Beef Tostadas Salad Apples Milk	22 Spanish Rice Peas Oranges Milk	
	25 <b>Center Closed for Memorial Day</b>	26 Mac and Cheese Pears Milk	27 Tuna Sandwich Veggie Sticks Apples Milk	28 Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese Corn Muffins Pineapple Milk	29 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Veggies Watermelon Milk	



# May Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pancakes with Applesauce  Quesadillas and Apples	
	4 Biscuits with Jelly and Oranges	5 Chex Cereal and Milk  Refried Beans and Cheese and Chips	6 Blueberry Muffins and Milk  Cowboy Bread and Milk	7 Belvitas and Apples  Almond Butter and Ritz with Bananas	8 Scrambled Eggs and Orange Juice  Rice Cakes, Cream Cheese and Craisins	
	11 Yogurt and Pears  Pigs in a Blanket	12 Pancakes and Applesauce  Trail Mix and Watermelon	13 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples  Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	14 Wheat Crackers and Cheddar Cheese  Cinnamon Toast and Oranges	15 English Muffins with Melted Cheese  Veggie Sticks and Wheat Crackers	
	18 Granola bars and Pears  Trail Mix and Apples	19 Tortilla Roll-Ups  Oat Bran Muffins and Milk	20 French Toast Sticks and Pears  Blueberry Bread and Oranges	21 Cereal and Milk  Cheese Quesadillas	22 Egg and Sausage Cups  Graham Crackers and Bananas	
	25 <b>Closed for Memorial Day</b>	26 French Toast Sticks and Milk  Veggie Sticks, Wheat Crackers	27 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples  Granola Bars and Watermelon	28 Scrambled Eggs with Oranges  Trail Mix and Pears	29 Yogurt and Fruit  Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit	