

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

June 2020

Colleen's Corner

Dear Families,

Who's happy it's almost summer? I am, I am! I may not want the hot temperatures we had last week, but we all are looking forward to warm days, water play, gardening and the special events summer brings. Speaking of summer, last year we were able to have "special in-house field trips." With all the requirements still in place we can not have our special guest visitors. But guess what? The shows will go on! Just a little differently! We have put some of our older kids in charge of learning magic tricks, how to make giant bubbles, and we will have our shows! They are enjoying how to make things disappear, and I think it will be so fun for them to be "in charge" of the entertainment. We have teachers paired up with them, so don't worry, nothing will actually blow up! We plan on having more water play, more messy fun, crafts galore and send them home tired every day! No one is stopping the fun here! As a reminder, we charge a \$25 summer activity fee. The fees pay for the show supplies, popsicles, water toys, the ice cream truck visit, craft supplies, art supplies, STEM supplies, and much more. You can include it with your monthly tuition, or pay separately. If you have 2 children, it is \$40 for both. Summer calendars will go out on Tuesday!

Speaking of tuition, are you tired of writing a check to pay your tuition? Why not use your mobile phone or computer to make your payment? Most banks now offer an online feature called ZELLE which allows a user to send money to a mobile phone or email address. After doing the initial setup, sending a payment via ZELLE just involves signing in to your bank, clicking on the ZELLE link, listing the amount of payment and the date and then clicking the SEND button. Your payment will be sent and received within minutes. An email is immediately sent to you and the recipient showing that a payment was made. You can also schedule a payment for a future date or make your payment recurring. How easy can that be? The best thing is that there are no fees involved!!! A few things to know when setting up ZELLE: The preschool does not have a mobile phone. Instead, use the preschool's email address which is: stmaa-preschool@sbcglobal.net. When typing in the name of the recipient, your bank may not allow apostrophes so you can just type in: St. Michaels Preschool. In the memo section, you can type in comments such as: June Tuition, tip for the teachers (just checking to see if you're still reading!) etc. If your bank or credit union does not offer ZELLE, you can sign up for online bill pay and have your bank send a check to St. Michael's Preschool. The bank/credit union will ask for the name and address of where to send the check. You already know this, but just in case: St. Michael's Preschool 2925 Bonifacio Street, Concord 94519. Easy peasy! Any question? See me!

I have to say, I loved the Mother's Day breakfast. It sure wasn't our usual luncheon in the Parish Hall with lunch prepared by the staff, but it was nice in spite of our new challenges. It was nice to see moms (and some dads) enjoying an al fresco continental breakfast with their child. We will do something similar for Father's Day, but as far as Father's Day, I will miss the water balloon fight! Might have to figure out a way to make that happen!

When the SIP started, we had many friends required to stay home. As the shelter is being loosened, we are starting to have some of our friends come back. It is heartwarming to see how fast they are welcomed in and pick right up! They don't miss a beat. And I really have to compliment your children. They have showed remarkable resiliency throughout all of this. Take your temperature? No worries. Say goodbye at the door? They think that's cool. Wash our hands all day, every day? They think it's indoor water play. Constant cleaning? They ask to help! Your kids are amazing and just think about the life skills they are developing as we navigate this. Resiliency, cooperation, kindness, adaptability, making new friends....for all the reasons I don't like this SIP, there have been some wonderful life long skills to come out of it. I love that they wash their hands first thing. I think that is a policy that will stick with us. I love that they have made new friends. I love that when something changes, they roll with it. These kids of yours are future world changers. Mark my words.

As our friends are coming back, we are back to 4 classrooms daily. Soon to open a fifth. No more juniors and seniors! Even I had a hard time with who was who. We are back to having the Frogs, the Tigers, The Owls, The Butterflies and The Ladybug classrooms. Yes, that is 5 classrooms, but I am always the optimist! We are still currently doing Chapel via Zoom on Tuesday morning, but I expect that sometime in June we may be able to go back to Chapel in the church. I sure hope so, we have missed Mr. Gordon and Ms. Joyce!

I don't think I mentioned we were recipients of a grant in the amount of \$5,900 from CocoKids for cleaning and sanitizing supplies, and PPE equipment. What a blessing this has been! We have received tremendous community support throughout this and for that, and all the parent support I am truly grateful. You are the best!
Until next month,

Ms. Colleen

The Tigers



Hello Tiger Families,

I can't believe we are at the end of the year already, we started off great but then the school year seemed to come to a halt. I miss you all so MUCH! This summer is going to be so much fun, we have some amazing activities planned. One of the ones I am looking forward to is the Magic Show with Mr. Louis and his clever assistants. We will also be tie dying, making volcano's and working on some STEM activities. So much fun to come! I will post them on Remind so you can see all the great things we will be doing. I hope I see you ALL soon!

Love,
Ms. Misti

The Owls and Ladybugs



Dear Owl and Ladybug Families,

Wow, we can't believe the school year is coming to an end. I know the last couple of months have been tough on us all due to Covid-19. We tried our best to maintain somewhat of a normal schedule at school, but of course with all the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy. We will continue following recommendations from the Dept of Health to ensure everyone's safety.

We had a great year with all the kids. But we are bummed that we weren't able to end the year like we wanted. However, we will make the best of it as always. One thing we've learned through this pandemic is to be flexible and sometimes you just have to roll with the punches. Thank you to all the families for hanging in there with us throughout the year. Thank you for supporting your child's learning! It was truly a pleasure! We are so proud of all of the kids. They worked really hard this year! We did so many fun activities throughout the year. Circle Time was definitely one of our favorites as we get to see all the kids progress each week! We will miss all of you as you move forward to your new classes next year but before you do, let's enjoy this summer together!

"ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST AND GIVE IT YOUR ALL"

Always,
Mr. Louis and Ms. Jessy



The Frogs

Hello Frog Families,

We've been working really hard finishing up our workbooks and spending time at the garden in the afternoon. We enjoyed pampering mom this month and we are excited to surprise dad this month.

Just a reminder for the summer time, please apply sunscreen on your child in the morning and we will re-apply in the afternoon. We are excited for the summer program and all the fun things we are going to do. Have a wonderful month.

Love,
Ms. Kittie

The Butterflies



Hello My Butterfly Families,

I'm happy to announce that we made it through another month and to the end of the school year! In this last month the Butterflies and I have become quite close, learning new songs, working on our fine and gross motor skills and of course still getting the potty training down. I'm so proud of the progress these little guys have achieved in such a short time with me. With the school year ending we are ready to get into some summer activities. Each week we will have a new theme with fun activities for the day. So, let's get ready for a fun filled summer!

Love,
Ms. Miriam





June Lunch Menu

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Meatball Sliders Mixed Veggies Pears Milk (for you Tanner!) | 2 Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese Corn Muffins Pineapple Milk | 3 Sloppy Joes Peas and Carrots Peaches Milk | 4 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Corn Bananas Milk | 5 Tuna Sandwich Veggie Sticks Apples Milk | |
| | 8 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Pineapple Milk | 9 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Oranges Milk | 10 Cheeseburgers Tots Applesauce Milk | 11 Pulled Chicken Sliders Peas Pears Milk | 12 Chef Salad French Bread Apples Milk | |
| | 15 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk | 16 Spanish Rice Green Beans Pears Milk | 17 Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Oranges Milk | 18 Meatballs Roasted Red Potatoes Bread Pineapple Milk | 19 Cheese Zombies Garden Salad Apples Milk | |
| | 22 Pulled Chicken Sliders Corn Applesauce Milk | 23 Loaded Chili Fries Pears Milk | 24 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Melon Milk | 25 Beef Tostadas Salad Apples Milk | 26 Spanish Rice Peas Oranges Milk | |
| | 29 Beanie Weenies Cornbread Fresh Fruit Milk | 30 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Pears Milk | | | | |



June Snack Menu

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Waffles and Milk Ritz Crackers, Salami and cheese | 2 Cinnamon Toast with Apples Corn Chips and Refried Beans | 3 English Muffins with Almond Butter Blueberry Muffins and Milk | 4 Fruit Smoothies Veggie Sticks and Cheese Cubes | 5 Pancakes with Applesauce Quesadillas and Apples | |
| | 8 Biscuits with Jelly and Oranges Fresh Fruit Kabobs and String Cheese | 9 Chex Cereal and Milk Egg Salad with Wheat Crackers | 10 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Cowboy Bread and Milk | 11 Belvitas and Apples Almond Butter and Ritz with Bananas | 12 Scrambled Eggs and Orange Juice Rice Cakes, Cream Cheese and Craisins | |
| | 15 Yogurt and Pears Pigs in a Blanket | 16 Pancakes and Applesauce Trail Mix and Watermelon | 17 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers | 18 Wheat Crackers and Cheddar Cheese Cinnamon Toast and Oranges | 19 English Muffins with Melted Cheese Veggie Sticks and Wheat Crackers | |
| | 22 Granola bars and Pears Trail Mix and Apples | 23 Tortilla Roll-Ups Oat Bran Muffins and Milk | 24 French Toast Sticks and Pears Blueberry Bread and Oranges | 25 Cereal and Milk Cheese Quesadillas | 26 Egg and Sausage Cups Graham Crackers and Bananas | |
| | 29 French Toast Sticks and Milk Veggie Sticks, Wheat Crackers | 30 Yogurt and Fruit Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit | | | | |