

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

January 2021

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*
9:30am- Pre-K Frog and Tiger classes
10:00- Butterfly, Owl, Turtle and Ladybug
Classes. **Chapel has been cancelled until
we are allowed to meet in larger groups.*

Jan 4

School Re-opens after Christmas Break

Jan 18

Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Looking forward to next month

Feb 8

Closed for Teacher Inservice

Feb 15

Closed for President's Day

Feb 17

Ash Wednesday



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Colleen's Corner

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2021! How many of you were excited to see the end of 2020?? Just a few??!! You've probably heard this from me before, I have been in child care for 35+ years. I've never seen a year like 2020 and I hope to not see one again!

In spite of the challenges of the year, we had some joy too. We were able to stop being so "busy" and enjoy the little things with your children. Crafts, games, laughter and silliness never went away. It's probably what kept us going when the future seemed uncertain. From the bottom of our collective hearts all of us at St. Michael's Preschool want to thank you for helping us get through the year! Let's make 2021 the best ever!

Our fundraiser was a smashing success. With all of our sellers, both large and small, we raised close to \$7,000! Woohoo!! We also had a very generous donation from a longtime family, and received an unexpected stipend from CocoKids. Our fundraiser account is itching for me to spend money, and fortunately, I've been training for this! We have more to spend than we hoped for, so we took some time over the holidays to really think about making some changes in the playground. We will be purchasing new items this month and will be eager to share them with you on Remind. It's so fun to think of ways to make the environment even better than it is for your kids.

We sure missed doing all of the special events last year. No graduation, no Open Houses, no Christmas Program. What I really miss most of all is just having parents come into the building. We miss chatting with you, showing off your child's work and just catching up. I'd love to be able to tell you all about the fun events we have coming up, but right now, I think I'll just hope we can have a Graduation Ceremony! A girl can dream, right?! Here's to 2021 being an amazing year!

Until next month,

Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog families,

Happy New Year to all my wonderful Frog Families. I sure hope you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed your time off with family. I know I did! But, now it's back to a new year, and I'm ready for it!

The kids had so much fun this last month decorating for the holidays. And we sure had fun keeping up with all the mischief Mr. Jingles and his BFF, Sparkle got into. They were hard to keep up with! Off to the North Pole they go!

This month we will be working on weather, our senses and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will focus on our workbooks, as I get ready to do the winter assessment with your children. I will provide a progress report in early Feb so we know they are on track for Kindergarten.

Love,
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello Tiger Families,

Happy New Year! We made it to 2021 and hopefully this year we can start getting back to some type of normalcy. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with family and friends. I definitely did! I want to thank you for all my Christmas gifts, I love them all. I am so blessed to have so many wonderful families in my class. Sparkle headed back to the North Pole with Santa, she had so much fun here playing with Mr. Jingles and watching over our class for Santa.

This month we will be discussing weather, winter wonder, our 45 senses, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will continue working in our workbooks more scissor practice, and learning to write our names. Make sure to check your calendar for all the great activities we have planned!

I want to wish Isaiah a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Love,
Ms. Misti

KEEP PROGRAM NEWS



Hello KEEP Families,

I hope everyone had a relaxing and memorable holiday vacation. December was a magical month filled with Candy Cane Sparkles, silliness and lots of holiday festivities. Thank you so much for all the birthday and holiday gifts. I loved every single one of them but most importantly....I loved being the classroom with your kiddos everyday. Their smiles and excitement for each day just brings me so much happiness.

Can you believe it's 2021 and we're now half way through the school year? I am so proud of the growth and progress the Kindergarteners have made so far and can't wait to see what they do with the remaining school year. Like usual, I know the kiddos are gonna rock and be awesome in doing so!

Don't forget: charge your electronics nightly, check your school supplies, and bring a water bottle!

Yours in Inclusive Teaching,
Ms. Jen



Ladybug News

Hi Ladybug Families,

I am happy to say, despite everything going on around us, Dec at St. Michael's was full of holiday spirit! It's almost like a getaway from all the craziness that is currently going on. Everyday is a day filled with fun, learning and being with friends. And when we're not busy in the classroom, we are getting fresh air and exercise outside.

In Dec, the Ladybugs, or should I say Elves, were busy at work painting and baking as they made a small token of love for you. We also had fun with Mr. Cookies (our elf), he may have gone back with a couple of boo boo's here and there, but don't worry he will be back next year! As Christmas approached, we then celebrated Baby Jesus' birthday and had a blast during Spirit Week. I loved seeing the kids all dressed up and in the Christmas spirit!

Starting this new year, we will be coming back to a Winter Wonderland. We will begin by learning all about snow and weather change. We will be learning about Martin Luther King Jr and his contribution to history. Last but not least, we will be learning about the 5 senses.

I hope everyone had a great holiday and enjoyed some time at home with their loved ones. I know we are all praying for a better year. Times may be different and sacrifices were made in 2020 but, by taking the correct precautions, we can all help keep each other safe and learn to appreciate the little things in life. I know we do all of those things here at St. Michael's and we appreciate all of you. I've never been happier to say Happy New Year Everyone!

Love,

Ms. Jessy

Owl Class News



Hello Owl Families,

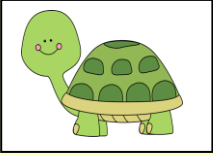
Ho Ho Ho! What a busy month we had! We had so many fun activities, which included lots of arts and crafts. Our classroom was full of Christmas crafts that were ready for Santa! The Owls did such a great job! They really enjoy making stocking and gingerbread boys and girls! Another project we worked on was Santa Hands. We painted our had to look like Santa and we pressed them onto a red paper. The kids were so excited to see how their Santa looked!

The final project we did was a special one! The Owls worked really hard to make it special for Christmas. They put everything together themselves. They also used their fingerprint to make the wreath! The homemade Christmas ornament turned out perfect and I hope you all enjoyed them as much as we did making them.

During circle time we talked about what we wanted from Santa. Some wanted toys, candy and mommy. I hope you all got what you wanted from Santa. Now that Christmas has ended let's start getting ready for the New Year. I have some fun and exciting activities planned, so get ready!!

Always,

Mr. Louis



Turtle Class

Hello Turtles Families!

Happy New Year! The Turtles were very busy last month in the dramatic play kitchen making gingerbread cookies. We loved working on our Christmas gift as well.

This month we will explore winter wonderland with ice, snow, painting and winter animals. We will also work on several skills – self help skills, language skills and fine motor skills. All important skills and life lesson!

I would like to thank you for the sweet cards and gifts for Christmas. I really appreciate them. I'm excited for the New Year with the Turtles.

Have a wonderful New Year!

Love,

Ms. Kittie

Butterfly News



Hello to all my butterfly families,

December proved to be as much fun as I hoped it would be! We sang, we ate good food, we decorated and we had fun being together. It doesn't get much better than that.

As fun as the holidays are, I am ready to get back to normal. We will have fun this month exploring our Winter Wonderland theme....might even play with snow! We will talk about things that are cold, and what we wear when it's cold. We will also be exploring our 5 senses and talking and learning about Martin Luther King Jr. A busy month is ahead.

I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season. In spite of the crazy year we had, we still have so much to be thankful for. I'm thankful for all of the families here at St. Michael's and for the best kids in the world.

Love,
Ms. Miriam

Chapel Topics

As previously noted, we have cancelled Chapel until the Health Dept says we can meet in larger groups. We hope that it's soon! We miss Chapel.



January Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4 Chili French Bread Apples Milk	5 Bow Tie Pasta Peas & Carrots Oranges Milk	6 Mac and Cheese Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	7 Spanish Rice Salad Apples Milk	8 Beanie Weenies Wheat Bread Applesauce Milk	
	11 Beef Tacos Garden Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	12 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Oranges Milk	13 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Green Beans Pineapple Milk	14 Cheese Zombies Tomato Soup Apples Milk	15 Chicken Nuggets Peas Pears Milk	
	18 Closed for MLK Day	19 Pizza Rounds Green Beans Peaches Milk	20 Bean and Cheese Burrito Oranges Milk	21 Chili Mac Peas Apples Milk	22 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Applesauce Milk	
	25 Meatball with Rice Mixed Veggies Pineapple Milk	26 Rotini Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Milk	27 Tuna Sandwich Veggie Sticks Apples Milk	28 Mac and Cheese Peas and Carrots Oranges Milk	29 Enchilada Casserole Corn Applesauce Milk	

January Snack Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples Trail Mix and Oranges	5 Oat Bran Bread and Pears Cereal Bars and Apples	6 Pancakes and Milk Cinnamon Toast with Applesauce	7 Bagels and Oranges Cheez its and Pears	8 English Muffins with Cheese Yogurt and Fresh Fruit	
	11 Apple Cinnamon Pancakes and Milk Pigs in a Blanket and Oranges	12 Chex Cereal and Milk Yogurt with Granola	13 Apple Muffins and Milk Granola Bars and Strawberries	14 English Muffins with Melted Cheese String Cheese and Apples	15 Graham Crackers and Cr. Cheese and Oranges Blueberry Muffins and Milk	
	18 Cheerios with Milk Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	19 Waffles and Orange Juice Fruit Salad And Pita Chips	20 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples Goldfish and Pears	21 Cinnamon Toast and Oranges Banana Sushi Rolls	22 Belvitas and Apples Trail Mix and Pears	
	25 French Toast Sticks and Apples Granola Bars and Strawberries	26 Cinnamon Raisin Toast with Jam and Milk Cheese Quesadillas	27 Yogurt and Fresh Fruit String Cheese and Crackers	28 Pancakes with Applesauce Cheez-Its and Craisins	29 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Oranges Corn Chips and Guac	