

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

April 2021

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*
9:30am- Pre-K Frog & Tiger classes
10:00- Butterfly, Turtle, Owl and Ladybug classes.

April 1st

Easter Egg Hunts

9:30-11

CLOSED April 2nd

Good Friday

April 20th -22nd

Spring Pics

9-11

Looking forward to next month

May 7th

Muffins with Mom

6:15am-9:00am



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Colleen's Corner

Hi Families,

Welcome to April! Who is happy that the days are longer and getting warmer?! I am! The kids love being outside, and we have enhanced our outside by adding a reading area, the Humvee for climbing and driving, a manipulative area and multiple sensory bins. Most of the new materials were purchased with proceeds from our Christmas fundraiser, so just you wait and see what we will purchase with the spring fundraiser money!

Speaking of fundraisers, we had hoped to raise about \$1,000 to enhance the garden. Well, we didn't raise \$1000, we raised over \$6,000!! Thank you, thank you! Not only will we improve the garden area, we have started purchasing new materials for the classrooms. Just you wait and see!

We have started our summer and fall planning. Please let us know as soon as possible if your schedule will be changing. Where we once had openings, we are currently full with about a 6 month wait list. So, it's much more difficult to make schedule changes.

Our summer plans include water play, jump houses, special themes, water balloons, BBQ's and special themed events. We still aren't sure if we can have outside vendors come in to perform for the kids, so I may be the bubble lady again, and Mr. Louis might be the magician. Thankfully the kids think we are funny! Summer calendars will be out in May. Not certain if we will be hosting Pre-K graduation this year, we will keep you posted! Happy to report that all staff are fully vaccinated! Let's keep our fingers crossed for getting back to normal!

Mark your calendars for Spring Pictures!

Until next month,

Ms. Colleen





Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog Families!

Spring has certainly sprung and it feels great to enjoy additional time outside on the playground with such beautiful weather. Last month we learned about parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. We also did a science experiment to show how they get their water, we used celery and colored water. The kids loved to see the changes in the celery daily!

We ended March our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to all who donated candy filled eggs!

We will be getting caterpillars this month to learn the life cycle of a butterfly. It's always so much fun!

Please continue to practice writing, letter recognition and numbers at home!

Love Always,

Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello Tiger Families,

Another month has passed, I can't believe we are already in April. In March we introduced Word Time and met Squawker the parrot, he has been teaching us how to speak in full and complete sentences. The kids are enjoying Squawker and trying to figure out where he will be next. I hope you have noticed them speaking that way at home too.

Our St. Patrick's Day celebration was lots of fun! We made a trap to try and catch the leprechaun, but unfortunately, he was too clever for us. He messed up our classroom and he did leave us some golden coins, necklaces, and chocolate pots. Maybe next year we can catch him! Our themes for April are Planting a Rainbow, Bugs, Healthy Eating, Earth and Teacher appreciation. We will have some fun activities planned.

Please remember to continue to work on letter and number recognition as well as writing at home, if you need any ideas please do not hesitate to ask.

Our egg hunt is Thursday, April 1 and we are closed Friday, April 2.

Love,
Ms. Misti



Kinder Class News

Happy April Kinder Families!

What a way to start off a new month - an Easter Egg Hunt and a 3 day weekend! Yahoo! In April we're going to look a little closer at the world around us. We're going to explore the life cycle of a variety of animals and the life cycle of some flowers. That will lead us right into learning about our planet, Earth, and how our actions impact it. Speaking of Earth, where exactly does Earth fit into the Solar System and what other planets can we look at? It's going to be a very science based month!

As we only have a few more months left of the 2020-2021 school year, I'd like to keep our relationship strong in helping your child succeed not only in my classroom but in their public school as well. I know schedules are constantly evolving and this time of the year is no different. If you can print out your child's absolute latest schedule, I'd greatly appreciate it!

Yours in Inclusive Teaching,
Ms. Jen

Owl Class News



Hello Owl Families,

Wow! Is it April already? March flew by so quickly! We had many fun activities this past month! The Owls are doing so great with letters, shapes, and colors during our circle time. I always appreciate their enthusiasm to learn!

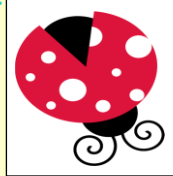
Our first week of March we reviewed the letters Q and R, colors and also shapes. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by recreating the hat from the Cat and the Hat. The Owls glued on red stripes on a white hat, which made the Hat. Another project they made was in honor of the book, One fish two fish red fish blue fish. The Owls glued on gold fish on a paper to make the cover of the book. Some Owls decided to have an early snack and ate some of the gold fish when I wasn't looking.

For farm animal week, the Owls made a pig using a paper plate. First, they painted the plate pink, and then added the eyes, ears and nose. I also asked what sound does the pig make, and their response was "oink, oink." Gardening Week the Owls put together a flower describing each part of the flower. They glued, colored and dot painted to make a beautiful flower!

Lets get ready for more fun activities in April! We will be focusing on our last 5 letters, learning about bugs, healthy eating, and Earth and Teacher Appreciation week!

My goal is to work more one on one with each child on recognizing and writing letters! Please continue to practice with your child at home as it definitely shows in the classroom.

Always, Mr. Louis



Ladybug Class

Hello Ladybug families,

March has been such a fun month. From leprechaun shenanigans to planting sunflower seeds we sure have been busy! We loved learning about how plants start off as a tiny seed and grow into beautiful flowers, trees, fruits and veggies. The kiddos really enjoyed their taste testing and have been requesting to do it again.

This month we are going to take advantage of Cali's amazing spring weather by doing more outdoor activities & working in the garden. We will learn all about our Earth, bugs and insects. We are also going to focus on the correct way to hold our scissors and markers and also get more familiar with the letters in our name.

Lastly, I would like to give our new teacher, Ms. Jennifer, a moment to introduce herself. Although, she will be working in all the classrooms the Ladybugs are lucky enough to have her with us the most!

Love,
Miss Keri

Hello everyone,

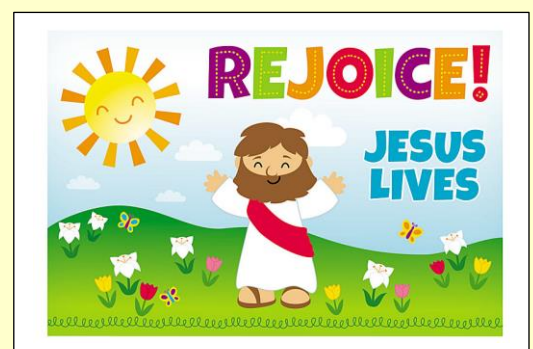
My name is Ms. Jennifer and I am so happy to have been given the opportunity to work with and help educate your children at this wonderful school as a part of the Ladybugs room. I was born and raised in Concord and I have been teaching preschool for a little over a decade now. I love running a curriculum that involves reading, plenty of art and learning through play and imagination. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

-Ms. Jennifer

Chapel Topics

April 6-Doubting Thomas
April 13-Mary and Martha
April 20-Zacchaeus
April 27-Road to Emmaus

We hope to be back to in person Chapel very soon!





Turtle Class News

Hello Turtle Families!

Happy Spring! We are so exciting with the weather changing. We had a great month and we especially loved Literacy week. We enjoyed listening to our special books and creating the art project of the day. We trying to catch a silly leprechaun but he was too quick. But we enjoyed his delicious green food. Ending the month, we enjoyed planning our special seed. We are excited to watch it grow our window.

This month is all about bugs, Earth day/week and teacher appreciation week. Coming soon we will have caterpillars in our classroom and we will watch them grow to beautiful butterflies. We will start also working on fine motor skills as well this month. This will include beading, tracing our name, practicing straight lines and drawing basic shapes.

Have a great month and a wonderful Easter.

Love,
Ms. Kittie

Butterfly Bulletin



Hello to all my Butterfly Families,

Hard to believe that we are done with the month of March and heading into April. This past month here in the Butterfly Class we had many busy days with learning and reading about Dr. Seuss, talking about different animals on the farm and what sounds they make, and getting dirty planting flowers. We've been trying to get in more art time in the class and keeping a regular schedule of having circle time as well. We've been also trying to spend more time outside as the weather is getting warmer and Mr. sunshine is visiting us more frequently. As we move into April, we will be having more outside time to enjoy the beauty of spring. We will celebrate the week of Easter with crafts and our yearly egg hunt. This month we will talk about one of my favorite topics BUGS!

I think we're all ready to leave winter behind and welcome the warm weather of spring!

Love,
Ms. Miriam

**EMPLOYEE
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MONTH**

This month I would like to recognize Ms. Misti. She has been working at St. Michael's for over 4 years now and is an amazing part of our team. She comes to work every day full of energy and ready to have a great and fun filled day! She loves to share awesome ideas with the staff and children. She truly is a team player. Misti continues to rise above her "duties" as a Pre-K teacher. We are very lucky to have her as a part of our family! Thanks for all you do Misti!

April Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sloppy Joes Peas & Carrots Peaches Milk	2 Closed For Good Friday	
	5 English Muffin Pizza Salad Pears Milk	6 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Oranges Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Pears Milk	8 Beef Tostada With All the Fixings Mandarins Milk	9 Beanie Weenies French Bread Pears Milk	
	12 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	13 Spanish Rice Green Beans Pears Milk	14 Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Oranges Milk	15 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	16 Cheese Zombies Garden Salad Apples Milk	
	19 Taco Salad Cornbread Pineapple Milk	20 Chili Mac Pears Milk	21 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Melon Milk	22 Pulled Chicken Sliders Peas Apples Milk	23 Sloppy Joes Salad Oranges Milk	
	26 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Corn Peaches Milk	27 Chili French Bread Pears Milk	28 Tuna Sandwich Veggie Sticks Apples Milk	29 Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese Corn Muffins Pineapple Milk	30 Meatballs Green Beans Bread Pineapple Milk	



April Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pancakes and Milk Salami, Cheese and Crackers	2 Closed For Good Friday	
	5 Biscuits with Jelly and Oranges Trail Mix and Apples	6 Chex Cereal and Milk Refried Beans and Cheese and Chips	7 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Cheese Itz and Oranges	8 Belvitas and Apples Graham Crackers and Bananas	9 String Cheese and Ritz Granola Bars and Apples	
	12 Yogurt and Strawberries Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	13 Waffles and Applesauce Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	14 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples Bagels and Cream Cheese with Watermelon	15 Wheat Crackers and Cheddar Cheese Cinnamon Toast and Oranges	16 English Muffins with Melted Cheese Goldfish and Apples	
	19 Granola bars and Pears Pirate Booty and Mandarins	20 Tortilla Roll-Ups Chex Mix and Apples	21 French Toast Sticks and Pears Blueberry Bread and Oranges	22 Cereal and Milk Turkey and Cheese Roll-Ups	23 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Apples Oatmeal Bar and Milk	
	26 Blueberry Bagels and Apples Pretzels and Cheese Sticks	27 French Toast Sticks and Milk Guac and Corn Chips	28 Biscuits and Oranges Granola Bars and Apples	29 Pancakes and Applesauce Trail Mix and Pears	30 Cheerios and Milk Cheese Itz and Apples	