

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

October 2021

Upcoming Events

Chapel

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

October 8
All School Field Trip to Smith Family Farm

October 23
1st Annual Trunk or Treat

October 29
Halloween Parade and Festivities

Looking forward to next month

Nov 11

Closed for Veteran's Day

Nov 25 & 26

Closed for Thanksgiving



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Colleen's Corner

Hello families!

Happy Fall! So happy that cooler weather is on the horizon and all the fun of fall right behind it! Yay! This month brings lots of fun events... our annual field trip to Smith Family Farm is Friday Oct 8. It is an all school event, and oh so much fun. You can either meet up in the parking lot at school by 9:00 and caravan over to Oakley together, or meet us by 9:50 at Smith Family Farm. We start our trip at 10:00 and the \$15 per person cost includes picking a pumpkin, the hay ride to the patch, the barn show, the corn maze and so much more. Please pack a lunch for you and your child, we end the trip by eating lunch together at the picnic area. It's an event we were not able to have last year, so it's even more special this year. School is closed after the trip.

We are also hosting our 1st ever Trunk or Treat on Oct 23 from 4-6. What's a trunk or treat? You decorate the trunk of your car (lots of ideas on Pinterest!), and kids go car to car "trick or treating." You pass out candy to the kids and get to meet all the other families. We only have enough room for the amount of parking spots we have, so be sure to sign up early. Rumor has it last year's kindergarten class has some shenanigans up their sleeve and may be hosting some special Halloween activities for the kids too. We'll find out together!

Our last event is the Halloween Festival on Friday Oct 29. We will have a parade at 9:30, followed by crafts in the classrooms. Because of covid, we can't have the big gathering in the Parish Hall, but we will have crafts and fun in the classrooms for the children. We will put out more information later in the month on Remind.

We have made some changes in our inside routine to hopefully keep whole classroom quarantines a thing of the past. Kids now have assigned spots at the table for lunch and snack. If there is a covid case, just that table would have to quarantine, not the whole class. Might be a little step, but I think it will help. We will also have some updated Covid policies coming your way shortly, be sure to check your parent file.

Wishing us all wonderful month full of adventure, fun and learning!

See you next month,



Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog Families,

Our first month back to school has been awesome. The kids are getting accustomed to the classroom rules and routines. They really enjoy circle time as we sing songs, learn our letters, read books and they can choose their favorite job for the day.

Everyone seems to really enjoy building letters with wood pieces and of course making Mat Man, which teaches them lots of things including body awareness.

During the month of October, the kids will continue working on letters, shapes and numbers as well as practicing their cutting skills.

Thank you so much for the classroom donations, they are very much appreciated! Mark your calendar for Oct 8 for our field trip to Smith Family Farm.

Get ready for a spooky fun filled month!
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello Tiger Families,

October is here, I love this month. We have some spooky great activities planned for this month, so make sure to check out our calendar. I am so excited that we get to go on our field trip again. The field trip to the pumpkin patch will be on October 8 and as a reminder the school closes at after. I hope you can join us for the field trip. "Helping Hands" is our classroom jobs. The kids are excited each day to find out what their job is each day. They have also been working hard to keep their buckets full. They all know our class routines and rules and have been doing great following them.

The Tiger class has been busy working in their workbooks and making sure they are taking their time and trying to stay within the lines. During circle we have been learning the days of the week and our letter sounds, I hope they have been coming home and singing the songs for you, they really love it. We will continue to work on our letters, numbers, shapes, and our cutting skills. Thank you so much for the classroom donations, they are very much appreciated.

Love always,
Ms. Misti



Kinder Class News

Hi Kinder Families,

We had so much fun in September getting into the groove of Kindergarten things. We started our Handwriting without Tears workbooks, discovered our similarities and differences through our All About Me themed weeks, learned all the new rules for Kindergarten, practiced safety protocols for natural disasters and classroom safety, and ended it all with our own apple-palooza: learning about apple life cycle, different types, sampling cider and trying different yummy apple treats.

The fun continues in October where we kick off with pumpkins and our Family Field Trip. We will drive into fun harvest activities and creating spooky Halloween crafts. We will have a fun Halloween Trunk & Treat event & classroom party to end October.

Thank you for remembering to bring your kiddo by 8:45am, sending them with a kid friendly water bottle (if dropped, it won't spill water out), and labeling all your kiddos jackets (that cool crisp fall air is sneaking in).

Yours in Inclusive Teaching,
Ms. Jen

Owl Class News



Hello Owl Families,

Wow what a month September was. We worked on and getting familiar with our classroom routines and rules. The Owls are doing so well with circle time. They all participate as we go over our calendar, theme, color and shape of the week. The kids all seem to really enjoy singing during circle time! It's always a blast when they are so enthusiastic. We began introducing letters each week using wooden sticks to form letters. So far so good!

The Owls have really enjoyed all of the fun activities in September. We will continue going over the letters D, E and F. For the shape, it will be diamond and triangle. The Colors will be black and orange. We will also incorporate the themes: Pumpkins, Harvest and Halloween. We can't wait to see all the pumpkins, fall harvest and the spooky Halloween activities coming up! Let's all get ready for another fantastic month at St. Michael's!

Always,

Ms. Miriam and Mr. Louis



Ladybug Class

Hello Ladybug families and hello Fall,

This past month has been a lot of fun and a lot of work. We are starting to really get into a good daily routine. I'm pretty sure the Ladybug's favorite part of the day is when we sing our ABCs because it always ends up in a dance party. So fun!

For the month of September, we got a lot of the basics down from establishing classroom rules to practicing school and fire safety. We even had our first fire drill of the year and our kiddos did great!

October is always one of my favorite months. We will get to study pumpkins and harvest! And will spend a few weeks exploring Halloween related activities. I am also looking forward to our Pumpkin Patch field trip and Trunk-o-Treat event. More info on these will come out soon so be on the lookout!

Love, Ms. Keri

Chapel Topics

Chapel on Tuesdays at 9:30 for Kinders, Frogs, Tigers and Ladybugs and at 10:00 for Owls, Turtles and Butterflies

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| Oct 5 | <i>Jacob and Esau Meet Again
(Genesis 33)</i> |
| Oct 12 | <i>Joseph the Dreamer
(Genesis 37)</i> |
| Oct 19 | <i>Joseph in Egypt
(Genesis 24)</i> |
| Oct 226 | <i>Joseph Reunites with his Brothers
(Genesis 42-46)</i> |



Turtle Class News

Hello Turtle Families!

We've had such a busy start to the school year, and the fun isn't stopping anytime soon. The Turtles have been settling into their school routine and have enjoyed getting to know one another with our All About Me activities. We worked on school safety activities such as proper hand washing, how to wipe our nose and walking in line. It's not always perfect but we try our best to stay safe and healthy at school! We finished September learning about fire safety and kicked off the beginning of the Fall season with our apple theme week.

In the month of October, get ready for pumpkins, goblins and ghouls, one of my favorite months of the year! We'll be exploring different types of pumpkins and gourds, learning about Fall Harvest and celebrating Halloween with fun sensory activities, art, and food projects. We will have a Halloween party on Oct 29. A sign up will be posted outside our classroom a week before the party. I can't wait for all the spooky fun!

As a reminder, please bring your child's mask home daily and bring a clean one each day.

Love,
Ms. Rachelle

Butterfly Bulletin



Hello Butterfly families,

September was such a great month! We got to welcome in so many wonderful new friends to our classroom. It was really fun getting to know each other with learning everyone's name, our favorite colors, how tall we are and discussing who is in our family. We also had a lot of fun playing games that encouraged us to be really good listeners and to follow directions as we learned about school and fire safety.

I absolutely cannot wait to get started with what I have planned for the month of October! Celebrating Fall and Halloween are among some of my most favorite things to do during the school year. I've got a lot of great activities ready for the coming month. We'll be starting the things out with pumpkin art and pumpkin sensory as a way to get us excited for our trip to the pumpkin patch. We'll also be exploring with leaves as we take a nature walk around our garden. Lastly, I've got so many Halloween activities and crafts planned from spider web brownies, to mummy wrapping and spooky ghost art. Looking forward to enjoying the month of October with you.

Lots of love,
Ms. Jennifer



JOIN US FOR SOME HALLOWEEN FUN
SATURDAY OCTOBER 23RD 4-6PM

Oct. Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Spanish Rice Green Beans Pears Milk	
	4 Sloppy Joes Corn Oranges Milk	5 Beanie Weenies French Bread Peaches Milk	6 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Pears Milk	7 Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese French Bread Watermelon	8 Field Trip to Smith Family Farm Please pack a sack lunch!	
	11 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Peaches Milk	12 Make Your Own Turkey Sandwich Carrots Watermelon Milk	13 Pulled Chicken Sliders Peas Pineapple Milk	14 Spaghetti and Meatballs Mixed Veg Mixed Fruit Milk	15 Chili Mac Applesauce Milk	
	18 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Corn Peaches Milk	19 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Watermelon Milk	20 Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	21 Beef Tacos with the works Pineapple Milk	22 English Muffin Pizzas Green Beans Peaches Milk	
	25 Tomato Soup and Cheese Zombies Applesauce Milk	26 Chicken Nuggets Corn Pears Milk	27 Chili French Bread Pineapple Milk	28 Bean and Cheese Burrito Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	29 Halloween Surprise!	



Oct. Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	1 Belvitas and Apples String Cheese and Pretzels	
	4 Pancakes and Applesauce Goldfish and Apples	5 Cheesy English Muffins Trail Mix and Cuties	6 Blueberry Bagels and Apples Veggie Sticks and Wheat Crackers	7 Go-Gurt and Apples Graham Crackers and Bananas	8 Granola Bars and Apples Center Closed	
	11 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	12 Waffles and Bananas Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	13 Belvitas and Pears Bagels with Cream Cheese and Bananas	14 Cinnamon Toast and Oranges Wheat Crackers and Cheddar Cheese	15 Cheesy English Muffins Chex Mix and Bananas	
	18 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples Pirate Booty and Mandarins	19 Tortilla Roll-Ups Rice Cakes with Cream Cheese and Oranges	20 French Toast Sticks and Oranges Refried Beans and Corn Chips	21 Bagels, Cr. Cheese and Pears Turkey and Cheese Roll-Ups	22 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Apples Oatmeal Bars and Oranges	
	25 Oatmeal and Milk Pretzels and Cheese Sticks	26 French Toast Sticks and Apples Cheese Itz and Watermelon	27 Cheesy English Muffins Blueberry Bread and Oranges	28 Waffles and Pears Granola Bars and Apples	29 Halloween Surprise!	

Dear Preschool Families,

October 2021

As our pandemic continues to shift into new and different challenges the preschool, the church and the Diocese of California continue to update policy that makes sense and is respectful to all God's children. These shifts in policy will potentially affect you and your choices of preschool.

These changes are as follows:

Beginning immediately, any child who has a family member or anyone living in the household with the child who has symptoms or is asymptomatic and/or is being tested for COVID or planning to be tested for COVID, will **not** be allowed to attend the school until the test has come back negative. Of course, if the test comes back positive, the child will not be allowed in the school until the appropriate quarantine time has passed.

If the child, or anyone in the family where the child resides has been exposed to someone inside or outside the home that has tested positive. The same appropriate quarantine time will be required before the child is allowed back in the school.

No child will be allowed in the school if anyone in the family or close proximity with the child and family is being tested and/or waiting to be tested, until the test returns negative. If the test returns positive, the child must wait to return until after the appropriate quarantine time has passed.

Beginning on 1 November 2021 A child will be allowed to attend the preschool only under the following condition:

Family members and all adults who live in the household of the child who are eligible for vaccination **must be vaccinated**. If a member of the child's household makes the choice to not be vaccinated, the child will not be eligible to attend the preschool under any circumstances. Each family will be required to bring physical proof of the vaccination status of each family member and all adults in the household. These will be kept on file in the child's folder and will remain confidential.

If a student is of the age appropriate for the vaccine, when it becomes available, that child will have a limited grace period in which to receive the vaccine and bring in the required proof of vaccination which will be added to their file folder.

As vaccination age eligibility adjusts to younger and younger children, any child in the household who becomes eligible for the vaccine will have a limited grace period in which to receive the vaccine and bring in the required proof of vaccination. Again, these will be kept on file in the child's folder and will remain confidential.

The choice of taking the vaccine is yours, our choice is that if you or any other adult in the household choose to not take the vaccine or have your eligible children vaccinated your child, will not be able to attend St. John's Episcopal Preschool in Clayton or St. Michael's Preschool in Concord.

There is no such thing as a religious exemption and one will not be accepted. Any medical exemption will need to be verified by your personal physician and validated by the American Medical Association and be accompanied by the accepted medical and scientific data from which the exemption is being based on.

We ask the same of our paid staff and all volunteers and outside aides and mentees as we are asking of our families.

As we all find ourselves struggling with this ongoing pandemic that has affected us each in so many different ways the ability to send your child to a safe and comfortable care center has been a blessing. I assure you it has been, and continues to be, our blessing to provide this care.

We cannot, however, be responsible and respectful providers of care if we are limited in our ability to maintain that safe environment. In this regard we are doing all that we can to minimize our exposure and the exposure to our children who are unable to be vaccinated at this time. Though we cannot guarantee nor eliminate all possible exposures we must do what we can, and these measures will help.

Our God has asked much of each of us, giving of ourselves for others is the greatest gift that we give to one another and is our Gospel message of love.

Peace,

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