

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

February 2022

Colleen's Corner

Upcoming Events

Chapel

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

Feb 1 Lunar New Year Celebrations

Feb 7 Closed for Teacher Inservice

Feb 14 Valentine's Day Parties

Feb 21 Closed for President's Day

Hello Families,

TGIF! No, not Thank God It's Friday, it's Thank God It's February!! January felt like the longest month EVER! So happy the month is over, and on to the month of LOVE!

Please note, we are closed for two days in the month of February. We are closed on *Monday, Feb 7th* for our 1st Teacher Inservice Day this year. We typically will have a training and staff meetings....and I highly suspect we will also throw some deep cleaning just for fun! We are closed on *Feb 21st* for President's Day. We have Valentine's Day Parties scheduled for Mon Feb 14, and will start the month off with celebrating Chinese New Year. Last month felt so long, we are going to make this month nothing but fun!

You have probably noticed our garden...wow!! We are so excited about having a garden that is more accessible to our kids. Thanks to Brooke's dad, Todd Baron for his hard work. Way nicer than I could have imagined! We also have big plans for fencing the area to really keep it safe...more on that next month. We envision this to be a hands on, outside classroom and are so excited to watch it come to life.

Covid, covid, covid. Remember when we had a world without it? We finally, unfortunately, had several cases in January. Please understand that when we require you to quarantine, it's because we follow both the Health Dept regulations, along with Community Care Licensing. EVERY single case is reported to them. Failure on my part to do any of the required procedures could result in getting in big trouble....and I hate getting into trouble. So, we report the cases and follow the rules. You wouldn't expect anything else from us, would you?? I really do feel we are over the worst of it, but I said that last month before I ever knew what the word omicron meant. I'm not jinxing anything this month!!

Until next month,

Ms. Colleen

Looking Forward to Next Month:

March 1 Fat Tuesday
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
Celebrations

♥HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY♥

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Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog Families,

During the month of January we focused on the season of Winter, Martin Luther King Jr. and the different types of weather. We ended the month with a Chinese New Year Celebration and learned that this is the year of the Tiger.

So, we are halfway through the school year, and I have been doing assessments on the children. It is a great way to find out what we need to work on throughout the rest of the year. This month we will introduce lowercase letters, and I will bring out an activity called work time, this will help teach the children to speak in complete sentences.

We will have a Valentine's Day party on 2/14. Please send in 13 cards, signed with your child's name. We will make "mail bags" to collect their Valentine's Day Mail.

Love,
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello Tiger Families,

Last month we talked about weather, and Martin Luther King Jr. and the importance of friendship and accepting everyone for who they are.

We have finished all of our uppercase letters in our workbooks. This month we will start to work on recognition of lowercase letters. I will also be introducing word time, which will help teach the children to speak in complete sentences with verbs, nouns, and adjectives.

This month we will finish all of the assessments and you will receive a report card on your child's progress. If you have any questions or concerns you can email the school and we can set up a time to speak. We will have our Valentines party on Monday February 14. Sign-ups for a special snack will posted on Remind. If you would like your child to participate, please bring 18 cards signed by your child. No need to address them. Please remember that you and your child need to wear your mask before entering the school and taking them home at the end of each night.

February's Monthly Goals

- Continue having your child walk into the school next to you carrying their own belongs, such as water bottle, bedding bag, jacket, ect. And also leaving at the end of the day
- Dress themselves, put on own shoes, and zip/button jacket.
- Listening the 1st time to any of your directions.
- Writing their name first and last
- Know their birthdate (month and day)

Love,
Ms. Misti



Kinder Class News

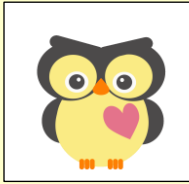
Dear Kinder Families,

January brought us a new year filled with new goals, hope for a world filled with love and acceptance for all people, classic childhood stories of winter fun and a huge celebration of being in Kindergarten for 100 fun and silly days!

February is a month of love and appreciation! We explore Chinese New Year, predict are we in for a longer winter or are sunny spring days coming soon, we express our love for our family, friends, and appreciation of a variety of African Americans who made a positive difference in American history.

Yours in Inclusive Teaching,
Ms Jen

Owl Class News



Hello to our Owl families,

We entered the year 2022 with a bang and have been busy learning our letters, colors, shapes, and most importantly keeping healthy! I'm January we learned about keeping warm by painting mittens and hats. We went on a nature walk and learned about the different types of weather. We learned about who Martin Luther King jr. was and why he is an important person, teaching us about kindness and using our words. In February we will celebrate Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. We will be using the colors red, pink, and purples and go heart crazy! We will have a week dedicated to learning on how to keep our teeth healthy and clean. And learn about our 5 senses and how we use them in our everyday lives. Please remember we will be closed on the 7th for our staff in-service day and on the 21st for Presidents' Day.

Our school and home goals for this month are:- putting jackets on by ourselves
-speaking up when we want or need something
-following 3 simple instructions

We are looking forward to a fun and festive month!
Love,

Ms. Miriam and Mr. Louis



Ladybug Class

Hello Ladybug Families,

Snow, snow go away! We had so much fun playing and creating all things snow! We made all sorts of snowmen, practiced tracing our letters in snow and even made our own snow storm in a jar. After a long month of winter fun we are ready to move on.

This month we will be watching closely to see if the ground hog sees his shadow. I don't know about you but I am ready for Spring! I have a lot of things planned this month starting with some lessons about weather. Followed by Chinese New Year and Valentine Day fun! We will also be learning about dental health and ending the month with a Dr Seuss week!

Our Ladybugs have been doing so good putting on their own masks, shoes and jackets. Please continue practicing with them at home. They have also been working hard learning to write their names. This is another great thing to work on at home.

Lastly, the Ladybugs love to bring their water bottles to school. I think it's great as it encourages them to drink more water during the day. But a gentle reminder to take water bottles home nightly, wash them and bring them back full. Thanks!

Love,
Ms. Keri



Turtle Class News

Hello Turtle Families!

The first month of the year is officially in the books! We did our best to imagine a winter wonderland but grateful to be getting all the sunshine and outdoor time. We started a daily activity of tracing our names—read the letters first, trace, then write them on our own. Practice makes perfect! January was also a busy month for Turtle birthdays, and we enjoyed all the special treats and goodies.

February may be the shortest month, but there will be no shortage of fun and excitement. It begins with the Lunar New Year as we celebrate the Year of the Tiger. Next, we will be making predictions for Punxsutawney Phil. Will he see his shadow? We'll find out how many Turtles guess correctly! Of course, we can't forget about Valentine's Day, and we'll be creating a very special Valentine for our families. Watch out for more details regarding our Valentine's Day party. We'll close out the month learning about dental care and kick off literacy week to honor Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Love is in the air, and we can't wait to share it with you!

Love,

Ms. Rachelle

Butterfly Bulletin



Hello Butterfly Families,

Wow! January has been quite a crazy month! It started out great with celebrating the New Year! We had so much of fun with the theme of all things snowy. We had a blast making snowy, icy art, having snowball fight and searching for snowflakes in our sensory bin. We even had fun playing with ice despite how cold it was! It's unfortunate with how the month ended, and I hope everyone starts feeling better very soon, because there are a lot of fun activities coming up in February.

At the beginning of the month, we'll start discussing Lunar New Year and how it's the year of the tiger. I think we'll have fun celebrating with some yummy Lunar New Year snacks followed by making some tiger stripe art. We'll also be discussing Groundhogs Day with an activity of exploring our shadows. There will also be plenty of Valentines themed art and activities. We've got plans to discuss what is a dentist and how they help us keep our teeth clean and healthy. Lastly, we'll end the month with reading plenty of Dr. Seuss books for Dr. Seuss week. I think February is going to be a really fun month and I hope you all stay happy healthy and safe!

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer

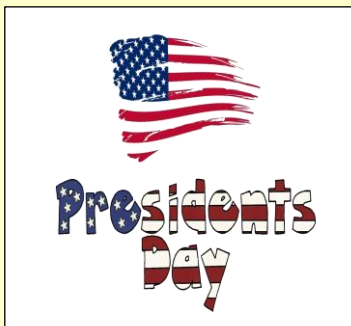
**If you're sick,
please stay HOME**



February Lunch Menu

Happy Valentine's Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chicken Fried Rice Green Beans Pears Fortune Cookies Milk	2 Meatball Sliders Peas Pineapple Milk	3 Mac and Cheese Corn Peaches Milk	4 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Carrots Cuties Milk	
	7 Closed for Teacher Inservice	8 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Garden Salad Peaches Milk	9 Pulled Chicken Sliders Peas Pineapple Milk	10 Chilli French Bread Applesauce Milk	11 Chicken Nuggets Corn Pears Milk	
	14 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Corn Peaches Milk	15 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Watermelon Milk	16 Beef Tacos with the works Pineapple Milk	17 Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	18 Spanish Rice Green Beans Peaches Milk	
	21 Closed for President's Day	22 Sloppy Joes Green Beans Pears Milk	23 Eng Muffin Pizza Garden Salad Pineapple Milk	24 Bean and Cheese Burrito Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	25 Chilli Bread Peaches Milk	
	28 Chicken and Cheese Quesadillas Beans Pears Milk					



February Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Toasted Bagels and Oranges Blueberry Bread and Milk	2 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples Veggie Sticks and Wheat Crackers	3 Yogurt +and Apples Graham Crackers and Bananas	4 Granola Bars and Apples Tortilla Rollups	
	7 Closed for Staff Inservice	8 Waffles and Bananas Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	9 Belvitas and Pears Bagels with Cream Cheese and Bananas	10 Cheesy English Muffins Trail Mix and Cuties	11 Bagels with Cream Cheese Chex Mix and Bananas	
	14 French Toast Sticks and Milk Trail Mix and Bananas	15 Tortilla Roll-Ups Blueberry Muffins and Milk	16 French Toast Sticks and Oranges Refried Beans and Corn Chips	17 Bagels, Cr. Cheese and Pears Cheese Its and Apples	18 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Apples Oatmeal Bars and Oranges	
	21 Closed for President's Day	22 French Toast Sticks and Apples Cheese Itz and	23 Cheesy English Muffins Belvitas and Oranges	24 Toasted English Muffins with Apples French Bread and Cheddar Cheese	25 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples Pirate Booty and Mandarins	
	28 Pancakes and Applesauce Cheese Quesadillas					