

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

January 2022

Colleen's Corner

Hello Families,

Welcome to 2022! Not too sure what this year will bring us, but we can be hopeful, right?! Thank you for all the love over the holiday season, we sure felt appreciated!

The dreaded "C" word....covid! As I am sure you might guess, we had a couple of covid cases over Christmas. Only one child got it, but several parents came down with it. Fully vaccinated and boosted, and yet they got it. I feel we may be in for a rough month, so I would like to remind you of some of our policies. CDC has cut the amount of time a person must quarantine, BUT, Community Care Licensing has not. Because most of our kids are not vaccine eligible, a child in a household with Covid must quarantine for 10 days. That may change and if and when it does, we will let you know. We did have a nasty cold/flu bug run through the school right before Christmas, luckily none of the cases were covid. Even if it isn't covid, we need to have children with cold/flu symptoms stay home until symptom free. We do understand that coughs and runny noses can linger well past the initial illness, but they must be as symptom free as possible. There really is no wiggle room with either Community Care Licensing or Coco Health. This makes it tough for working families, now is the time to think about how to handle those sick days. Believe me when I say no one wants this to be over more than me. Keeping kids safe and healthy during a pandemic is challenging to put it mildly! I know parenting through a pandemic isn't exactly a picnic, but I know partnering with each other is easier than going it alone! Someday this will all be a memory! Fingers crossed anyway!

We did great on our Sees Candy fundraiser, raising over \$6,500. We have already purchased some cool new equipment for outside, built more cubbies to cut down on sharing, and have big plans for the new garden area! Abby and Matthew Flores were the top sellers, thanks guys!!

Here's to smooth sailing in 2022!!

Until next month,

Ms. Colleen

Upcoming Events

Chapel

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

Jan 17th Closed for Martin Luther King
Day

Looking Forward to Next Month:

Feb 7 Closed for Teacher Inservice

Feb 14 Valentine's Day Parties

Feb 21 Closed for President's Day



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Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog Families,

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday with your family and friends. I am happy to be back, I missed all my kids very much.

Thank you so much for all of the Christmas gifts. I love them all! I am so blessed to have so many wonderful families in my class!

This month we will be discussing Winter, Weather, Our 5 Senses and Dr. Martin Luther King. We will continue working in our Workbooks and number books. Our Tandem Program is going well. I hope you and your child are enjoying reading together! I see lots of papers coming back with the kids writing them! Great job!!

Love,
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello Tiger Families,
Happy New Year! We made to 2022 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 wonderful 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 5 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. On Friday January 21 we will do a friendship snack and each child can bring a snack size Ziplock of their favorite fruit to share, I will post a sign up as it gets closer.

January's monthly goals for you to work on with your child/children, I kept them the same as December's with the holiday break.

- Having your child walk into the school next to you carrying their own belongs, such as water bottle, bedding bag, jacket, etc. And also leaving at the end of the day
- Dress themselves, put on own shoes, and zip/button jacket.
- Using the bathroom independently, being able to wipe their own bottom.
- Practice writing uppercase letters.
- Cutting with scissors being able to following straight and curved lines.

Love,
Ms. Misti



Kinder Class News

Happy New Year Kinder Families,

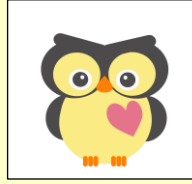
I hope you all had a relaxing, memorable and healthy holiday break. Due to covid, I was not able to see my very large family but we made the most of it via zoom calls and actually welcomed a new family member, my little sister had a baby [girl/boy]

Since we're half way through the year... we're diving right back into our routine because I know they can handle it. Please arrive at school at 8:45 to get in that play/ wiggles time, bring a water bottle and winter coat daily. Attending school as much as possible is important but what is even more important is your kiddo's health. Learning is hard not only for your kiddo when he/ she is sneezing, coughing, etc but also for their classmates. Let's stop the spread of any illness.

January is about all things winter & it'll be wonderful!!

Yours in Inclusive Teaching,
Ms. Jen

Owl Class News



Hello owl families,

Welcome to 2022! We are excited to be in a brand new year and begin our new adventures in the owl class! We both hope all our owl families had a happy holiday and enjoyed your time off spent with family and friends. A big thank you for our gifts and all the wonderful cards.

This month we will continue with our letters, shapes, and colors. We will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. with books and projects. We will learn about the different weather and our 5 senses.

Our goals for this month will be:

- Practicing putting bedding items inside their bedding bag
- Putting on their own jackets and zipping it up
- Putting on their masks and keeping it on

Thank you so much for helping us help your child become more independent and self-sufficient!

Love,
Ms. Miriam & Mr. Louis



Ladybug Class

Happy New Year!

Whoa! What a whirlwind of a year we've had. I am so thankful that our school is open and our staff, students and families are healthy and happy. I hope you all had a great holiday season. Thank you all for the thoughtful gifts and treats!

Last year we focused a lot on social emotional and fine motor skills. All of our Ladybugs have come a long way and are making strides here at St. Michaels. We are going to jump right back into the swing of things. This month we are going to make a slight switch. We will focus a little more on letter recognition and making sure we know all the letters in our names so they are ready for Pre-K! We will continue to work on our cutting, gluing and coloring skills as well.

Lastly, thank you for all the diligence you have had with monitoring your kiddo's health. At school we focus on wearing our masks and hand washing but illnesses still spread quickly when littles come to school with runny noses and coughing. Keeping them home when sick really helps keep us all healthy and we really appreciate it!

Love, Ms. Keri





Turtle Class News

Hello Turtle Families!

Happy 2022! I hope you enjoyed family time during Christmas break. Thank you so much for thinking of me this holiday season as I was blown away by the generosity of your gifts. December was a special month where we anticipated and celebrated the arrival of Baby Jesus. I'm so proud of the Turtles who did their best to perform every task in our Kindness Advent calendar. Let's not forget that being kind is important all year round!

As we begin the new year, we will work on a variety of skills as we inch our way closer to PreK. At the top of our list is growing our independence. This includes making our own beds, putting away belongings, putting shoes, jackets and masks on with little to no assistance. It may seem like a tall order for a 3/4 year old but achieving these tasks by themselves also builds their confidence in believing they can accomplish anything they set their mind to! We will also work on pencil grip and introduce scissors. Be the first one to read this and get a kid shirt or adult shirt of your choice! Message us on remind when you find it!

There is much to look forward to in January: learning about animals in hibernation, snowy and rainy weather, and celebrating the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Turtles will also spend a week exploring their 5 senses.

Let's make 2022 the best year yet!

Love,
Ms. Rachelle

Butterfly Bulletin



Hello Butterfly Families,

The end of December came up real quick, not to mention 2021 for that matter. We sure did have a lot of fun last month. We were visited by our own elf of the shelf, Jingles. He made sure to keep a good eye on us so that he could let Santa know how nice and not naughty we were. It was fun seeing him propped up in different places of our classroom. We also had a great time sharing and playing with our holiday themed toys, especially the felt tree and ornaments. Lastly, we had so much fun posing for our photos that went into our Christmas cards for mom and dad. Weren't they super cute?

January is going to be a very "cool" month with all of our snow themed activities. We've got plans for some snow sensory, building with ice, making "snow snacks" and dramatic play with Arctic animals. Lastly, we will also be discussing the importance of Martin Luther King Jr. and how he so positively influenced so many people.

I hope that you all have had a wonderful winter break. I look forward to getting back to school for the new year!

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer

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



January Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 Chili French Bread Peaches Milk	4 Spanish Rice Green Beans Pears Milk	5 Meatball Sliders Peas Pineapple Milk	6 Mac and Cheese Corn Peaches Milk	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrots Watermelon Milk	
	10 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Corn Peaches Milk	11 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Garden Salad Peaches Milk	12 Pulled Chicken Sliders Peas Pineapple Milk	13 Chili French Bread Applesauce Milk	14 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Pears Milk	
	17 Closed for Martin Luther King Day	18 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Watermelon Milk	19 Beef Tacos with the works Pineapple Milk	20 Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	21 Spanish Rice Green Beans Peaches Milk	
	24 Sloppy Joes Corn Oranges Milk	25 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Pears Milk	26 Eng Muffin Pizza Garden Salad Pineapple Milk	27 Bean and Cheese Burrito Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	28 Chili Bread Peaches Milk	
	31 Chicken and Cheese Quesadillas Beans Pears Milk					



January Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 French Toast Sticks and Milk Trail Mix and Bananas	4 Toasted Bagels and Oranges Blueberry Bread and Milk	5 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples Veggie Sticks and Wheat Crackers	6 Yogurt +and Apples Graham Crackers and Bananas	7 Granola Bars and Apples Tortilla Rollups	
	10 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	11 Waffles and Bananas Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	12 Belvitas and Pears Bagels with Cream Cheese and Bananas	13 Cheesy English Muffins Trail Mix and Cuties	14 Cheesy English Muffins Chex Mix and Bananas	
	17 Closed for Martin Luther King Day	18 Tortilla Roll-Ups Blueberry Muffins and Milk	19 French Toast Sticks and Oranges Refried Beans and Corn Chips	20 Bagels, Cr. Cheese and Pears Cheese Its and Apples	21 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Apples Oatmeal Bars and Oranges	
	24 Oatmeal and Milk Pretzels and Cheese Sticks	25 French Toast Sticks and Apples Cheese Itz and	26 Cheesy English Muffins Belvitas and Oranges	27 Toasted English Muffins with Apples French Bread and Cheddar Cheese	28 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples Pirate Booty and Mandarins	
	31 Pancakes and Applesauce Cheese Quesadillas					