

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

March 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

March 1

Fat Tuesday

March 2

Ash Wednesday

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Hello St. Michael's Families,

February was a month to forget! Started out rough, but ended up great! Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we had to close earlier this month due to Covid. It was something I never thought we would have to do, but it sure hit us hard. Hopefully, better times ahead. Restrictions are loosening up, almost back to normal except for the masks.

Covid brought us a lot of negative things, but there are some bright spots. Community Care Licensing has grant money available from the American Rescue Act, to enhance and support child care centers. So many preschools have closed, they are trying to make sure the rest of us stay open and thrive! We are in the process of applying for a grant that could help us add sinks to each classroom, add additional toilets, replace the back doors, and so much more. We are shooting for the moon, if you don't ask, you'll never know! We are fortunate that we are a non-profit preschool and participate in the Quality Matters Program with First 5, as that bumps us up the list a bit. We have also applied for some gardening and composting grants. We have lots of big plans to make our school be even better for your kids!

Another bright spot in our month....the new garden! Thank you to Todd Baron, Brooke's dad, who installed our beautiful garden. This was just phase one, we have plans for adding fencing, seating areas, and so much more. We are so happy with how it turned out, and can wait to see what can grow!

The garden was funded through our Winter Sees Candy fundraiser. We are starting our Easter Sees Candy Fundraiser this month, and will be putting the proceeds towards adding a fence to front of the garden area. Look for more info in the coming days on when we will start the candy sales. If we are able to fund the fence through the previously mentioned grants, we will use the candy funds to enhance the classrooms with STEAM materials. Lots of good things ahead!

See you next month,

Ms. Colleen

Looking Forward to Next Month:

April 14

Easter Egg Hunts

April 15

Closed for Good Friday

April 19-21

Spring Pictures with Jessica

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St. Patrick's
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Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog Families!

Wow, I can't believe it's March already. Time sure is flying by.

We started working on our lowercase letters and it's going pretty well. The kids have been trying really hard and I am so proud of them.

During this month we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, farm to fork, farm animals and St. Patrick's Day. Once again, we will build a leprechaun trap in hopes of catching that tricky little fellow, boy is he sneaky and always up to mischief.

It's going to be a fun filled month!

Love,
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello Tiger Families,

I wanted to say thank you for all the wonderful Valentines gifts, that was very thoughtful, and I love them all. Thank you to all the families who brought goodies for our class they loved them.

Wow I can't believe it's March already, time sure is flying by. We started working in our lowercase workbooks and they have been working very hard taking their time, I am so proud of them.

I have also introduced word time and the kids are enjoying Squawker the parrot and trying to figure out where he will be next. Hopefully soon you will notice them starting to speak in complete sentences. Please continue working on letter recognition as well as writing, if you need any ideas, please let me know.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for this month. Our themes are Dr. Seuss and we will be making a special snack, our other themes are farm animals, farm to fork, gardening, and ending our month with healthy eating. We are also going to build a trap to try and catch that tricky leprechaun, hopefully this year we can catch him!

Love

Ms. Misti



Kinder Class News

Dear Kinder Families,

February was a whirlwind of love and appreciation! Though it didn't start off as we had hoped thanks to COVID, we reinforced how loving our kind St. Michael's hearts are as the staff went into overdrive with disinfecting every inch of the school and families did their part in keeping their kiddos home when with any illness symptoms. We're in this together and we THANK YOU!

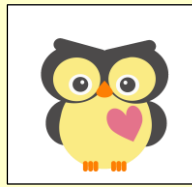
We kick off March with Read Across America week where we celebrate the silliness of Dr. Seuss books and will be diving more into CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant words). As we approach these last few months of this school year, I will **SLOWLY** start pushing the kindergarteners more into a first grade setting which means they will be writing more and that could be asking them to write two sentences instead of one or writing out our math equations versus just doing hands on math. There will be time limits to finishing activities and eating snacks and lunch. As they go off into public and private schools, they won't get to take over 30 minutes to write one sentence or to just eat before going outside to recess. I know it sounds like a lot but trust me...these kids are smart and completely capable! Again...I will **SLOWLY** start this push and make sure they have plenty of silliness, fun, and space to just be the awesome kids that they are!

Homework for this month:

1. Students carry their own water bottles and jackets. The students are responsible for their own items during the school day and do totally fine. I would like to see them take on that responsibility when coming and leaving school.
2. Play with Playdoh: I will be sending home a can of playdoh for each student. Playing with playdoh helps build the fine motor skills needed to hold a pencil, cut with scissors, and it helps build up that stamina they need for writing.

Yours in Inclusive Teaching, Ms. Jen

Owl Class News



Dear Owl Families,

What a lovely month February was! We sure felt the love in the air with all our Valentines crafts and fun activities. Although we had a rocky start due to Covid we were able to turn it around and make sure the owl class was fun and exciting. We will begin the month of March with celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss and reading all his fun and silly books. We will then move to learning about what animals we see on our farm. And how important farm life is and all the benefits we get receive from a farm. We will also be exploring the importance of healthy eating and having different class cooking projects.

March goals:

- putting on mask our own masks
- Dressing ourselves: putting on shoes and jackets
- Using our manners: please, thank you and may I

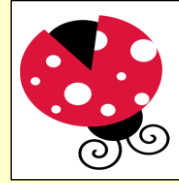
Let's make this March a fun, exciting, and lucky month!

Love,

Ms. Miriam
Mr. Louis



Ladybug Class



Dear Ladybug Families,

I never expected February to be such a rough month but we made it through! I am so glad that none of my Ladybug kiddos caught the dreaded C bug during our outbreak last month. It's great that we were able to finish the month our strong and healthy. We still had a lot of fun celebrating Valentine's Day and all things heart related. We also enjoyed learning about dental hygiene while practicing flossing and brushing during our activities.

March will be a super exciting month. We will start the month out with a Literacy Week by enjoying some of the classics by Dr. Seuss. The rest of the month we will make a shift toward farms and gardening! Gardening is one of my favorite hobbies so I love getting to share that with the Ladybugs. I can't wait to start our sunflower seeds. It is so special to watch it grow from a little seed into a flower.

Lastly, as the weather starts to warm up, please remember to keep sending a jacket in with your Ladybug. The mornings and evenings are still chilly and we spend a lot of time outside.

Love,
Ms. Keri

The school bookkeeper is switching over to QuickBooks. We will have the ability to send you an invoice and receipts via email, and this will make for a much easier bookkeeping process for the school. Please fill out the email sign up sheet on the Help Board to make sure we have a good email for you. This will begin in April!



Turtle Class News

Hello Turtle Families!

February feels like it just blew right by us! We kicked off the month with Lunar New Year and spent Valentine's Day sharing fun Valentines and treats with our friends. We learned how to keep our teeth clean during dental week and ended the month introducing Dr. Seuss and his books. Jam packed for the short month but will keep it rolling into March.

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. During this season we will put effort towards being kind, thoughtful and caring. We will do our best to fill a "Good Deeds" jar with marbles and if we can fill the jar by the end of Lent, the Turtles will earn a special reward. I look forward to what can be accomplished in the weeks to come!

St. Patrick's Day, farm animals and gardening are also special themes for this month. We have so much fun ahead of us!

Lastly, we are working on using our manners and raising our hand before we speak at circle or at the table. They are doing a great job with these skills!

Love,
Ms. Rachelle

Butterfly Bulletin



Hello Butterfly families,

We had a great time in the month of February. We did all kinds of fun activities and art projects. We were able to learn about Chinese Lunar New Year, celebrating the year of the tiger and enjoying a wonderful lunch of chow mein, pot stickers and egg rolls. Yum! We took an entire week to celebrate Valentine's Day with our heart sensory bin and our heart themed art projects. I think the Butterflies really enjoyed making their heart-shaped sun catchers. The following week we learned about practicing good hygiene with our teeth. We've got to make sure we brush them every day and eat healthy to help our teeth grow strong. Lastly, we finished the month with reading one of my favorite Dr. Seuss books, The Lorax.

March will be jam-packed with so many colorful activities as we start to move into Spring. For the first part of the month, we will be focusing on life on the farm. We'll get to paint pigs in mud, explore with a farm themed sensory bin and see how many farm animal sounds we can make. We'll also be sampling a rainbow assortment of tasty veggies, followed by another activity with veggies in our sensory bin and then we've got plans to make our own salad art. The next week is everything rainbows as we get to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Following that we've got all kinds of fruity themed art and activities. Lastly, we're going to be exploring with bugs. I am so excited to get things started for the month of March. I think we're going to have a lot of fun with all of our colorful plans.

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer

In the kitchen with Ms. Alicia

Has your child been talking about sorting their trash and food waste at snack and lunch time? We have recently been learning about composting, recycling and garbage-where it goes and what happens to it. We have 3 bins on each class cart now, and the children sort their food waste after each meal. They have been doing a great job so far! This month we are focusing on planting in our new garden area! How exciting! We have planted a large variety of veggies and a few strawberry plants. Let's hope this beautiful weather stays! Please remind your child to look at the plants with their eyes, they are very delicate in the first few weeks after planting. We are looking forward to watching the garden thrive and grow every day! Stay tuned....

March Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Peas Pears Milk	2 Meatball Sliders Green Beans Pineapple Milk	3 Mac and Cheese Corn Peaches Milk	4 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Carrots Cuties Milk	
	7 Taco Salad Cornbread Apples Milk	8 Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad Peaches Milk	9 Sloppy Joes Peas Pineapple Milk	10 Beanie Weenies French Bread Applesauce Milk	11 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Corn Pears Milk	
	14 Chillimac Corn Pears Milk	15 Spanish Rice Mixed Veggies Watermelon Milk	16 Beef Tacos with the works Pineapple Milk	17 St. Patrick's Day Surprise	18 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Salad Apples Milk	
	21 Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	22 Beef tostadas Salad Mandarins Milk	23 Eng Muffin Pizza Garden Salad Pineapple Milk	24 Bean and Cheese Burrito Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	25 Chili Bread Peaches Milk	
	28 Chicken and Cheese Quesadillas Beans Pears Milk	29 Sloppy Joes Green Beans Pears Milk	30 Chicken Nuggets Corn Peaches Milk	31 Meatballs and Rice Peas Pineapple Milk		



March 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 French Toast Sticks and Milk Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	8 Waffles and Bananas Goldfish and Apples	9 Belvitas and Pears Pretzels and Bananas	10 Cheesy English Muffins Trail Mix and Cuties	11 Bagels with Cream Cheese Burberry Muffins and Apples	
	14 Pancakes and Applesauce Trail Mix and Bananas	15 Toasted English Muffins with Apples Cinnamon Apple Muffins and Milk	16 French Toast Sticks and Oranges Chex Mix and Bananas	17 St. Patrick's Day Surprise	18 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Apples Oatmeal Bars and Oranges	
	21 Cheerios and Milk Refried Beans and Corn Chips	22 Yogurt and Strawberries Tortilla Roll-Ups	23 Belvitas and Oranges Trail Mix and Apples	24 Waffles and Pears French Bread and Cheddar Cheese	25 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples Pirate Booty and Mandarins	
	28 French Toast Sticks and Apples Cheese Quesadillas	29 Pancakes and Applesauce Goldfish and Oranges	30 Cheesy English Muffins Pretzels and Cheese	31 Bagels, Cr. Cheese and Pears Cheese Its and Apples		