

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

April 2022

Upcoming Events

Chapel

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

April 14th
Easter Egg Hunts
9:30-11

CLOSED

April 15th Good Friday

April 19th -21st
Spring Pics 9-11am

Looking forward to next month

May 6th
Mother's Day Tea Party
3-4:30pm

Closed

May 30 Memorial Day



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Colleen's Corner

Welcome to April,

What a breath of fresh air March was! No Covid cases, beautiful weather, fun activities, let's do it again this month! We have lots of fun ahead this month...Egg Hunts, Easter crafts, gardening and so much more.

Can you believe this??!! We are busy planning a Kinder and Pre-K graduation! We haven't had one in two years, so this one is sure to be special. It will be Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 pm. More info to follow, but it's safe to say we are pretty excited for this event!

We are busy planning our Summer Calendar. Please make sure that you let us know your summer plans. It will be here before you know it.

We also are busy planning our Mother's Day Tea Party. It will be held on Friday, May 6 from 3-4:30 in the afternoon. More info in next month's newsletter, but mark your calendars now!

Easter Egg Hunts will be held on Thursday, April 14th. Butterfly and Owl class at 9:30, Turtle and Ladybug at 10:00 and Pre-K and Kinders at 11:00. Please bring a basket for your child to collect the eggs, and we are also looking for donations of filled eggs to hide. This event will be held on the grass outside between the Parish Hall and the Church, and you are welcome to join us. It's nice to be able to welcome families back to our activities!

That's about it for me this month. A special thanks goes out to Ryder Tardif's mom, whose company made a generous donation to our school. We will be sure to spend the funds getting wonderful things for your kids. Our i-pads have also arrived this week, thank you to all who contributed and to Aicha Djedje, who was able to purchase them at a great discount!

Happy Spring!

Love,

Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog Families,

March is gone and April is here. We sure did have a lot of fun in March, we started off by celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday. We read a different book every day and did an activity relating to the story.

We then moved onto talking about life on a farm and how important it is to have farms grow food that ends up on our tables. For St. Patrick's Day, we built a trap to try to catch that sneaky little leprechaun, we failed, yet again to catch time. We will try again next year! As the month came to an end, we talked about plants, and did a science experiment on how plants get their water and what they need to grow.

This is going to be exciting ... We will get caterpillars in our class this month to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. Looking forward to a fun filled month!

Love,

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, but unfortunately, he was too clever for us. He messed up our classroom, he did leave us some golden coins and chocolate treats. Maybe next year we can catch him.

Our themes for April are 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 14 and we are closed Friday April 15.

Love,
Ms. Misti



Kinder Class News

Happy April Kinder Families!

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 2021-2022 school year before my kinder kiddos go off to their new schools and or start their new before & after school care programs, I want to make sure we end on a strong note. We're building up our work stamina, working independently, listening to assignment instructions, finishing activities in a timely manner, and increasing our responsibility. They totally handled the little increase last month and I know they'll do just fine this month.

April's Homework: Pick a book at the beginning of each week and read it daily with your kiddo. The repetition will help them build their confidence in sight words and reading. Progress over perfection!

Yours in Inclusive Teaching,

Ms Jen

Owl Class News



Hello Owl Families,

March was another fun filled month with so many wonderful activities and crafts. We first started the month in a wacky way by celebrating the great Dr. Seuss. It was so great to see the kids participate each day and see how wacky they could get. Mr. Louis and Ms. Miriam sure did have some fun dressing up and reading a different book each day. We then moved to learn about farm animals, their different sounds and why each animal is an important part of the farm life. From there we moved to learn the process and importance of farm to fork. The children learned that farms are very important to how we get our vegetables, fruits, and meats. Gardening week was a very hands-on week with the planting of our sunflower seeds and our flower experiment. Healthy eating week was great to learn about our favorite fruits and vegetables. We ended the week by making a nice green healthy class salad. For the month of April we will start off the week learning about different types of bugs and insects, hopefully even finding some in the garden. The rest of the month we will talk all about easter and why it is such a special event. We will have different Easter crafts and activities and have our yearly Easter egg hunt. We'll end April with a teacher appreciation week, a week dedicated to all our wonderful teachers here at St. Michael's! We would also like for all the owls to bring in their own water bottles labeled and with water in it to school everyday.

April Goals:

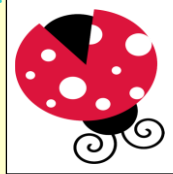
- Recognizing their names
- Spelling their names
- Dressing themselves: pull ups, socks, shoes, undies, pant etc.

We are ready and excited to enter into spring and the month of April!

Love,

Ms. Miriam

Ladybug Class



Hello Ladybug Families!

As we say goodbye to another Winter we welcome a Spring full of brightness and new growth. Growth in the form of sunflowers and school-made chia pets as well individual growth in your kiddos! Have you seen how good they are at putting on their shoes or cleaning up after themselves?

March really was an exciting month. From the sneaky little leprechaun turning everything green to us exploring seeds, flowers and even fruit. Did you know fruit starts out as a flower? Your Ladybug does!

This month we will be getting down and dirty exploring bugs, diving deep into the ocean to find out what's swimming below, celebrating Easter and will begin working on a super, top secret project! We will focus a lot on our fine motor skills, pencils grips and writing our names to better prepare the Ladybugs to transition to pre-K. This is something you and your child can work on at home as well! Just a few minutes of practice everyday goes a long way.

Lastly, it is starting to get really warm. It would be great if each Ladybug could bring a reusable bottle of fresh water to school every day. I've noticed this really increases their water intake which is important as the temperature rises. Thanks!

Love,

Ms. Keri

Chapel Topics

April 5 Palm Sunday

April 12 Last Supper

April 19 Doubting Thomas

April 26 Road to Emmaus





Turtle Class News

HELLO TURTLE FAMILIES!

WE ARE READY TO HOP INTO SPRING! MARCH KEPT US BUSY AS WE CELEBRATED DR. SEUSS, MET MANY FARM ANIMALS, LEARNED ABOUT GARDENING, AND EXPLORED HEALTHY EATING HABITS. LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT ALL THE SHENANIGANS OF THAT SILLY LEPRECHAUN. WE TRIED OUR BEST TO TRAP HIM BUT BETTER LUCK NEXT YEAR! THE TURTLES JUMPED THEIR HEARTS OUT LAST MONTH WITH ALL THE BIRTHDAYS AND BOUNCE HOUSE FUN. THEY LOVE CELEBRATING THEIR SPECIAL DAY WITH THEIR FRIENDS.

LENT IS NEARLY OVER, AND I'M EXCITED TO SHARE THE EASTER STORY THROUGH RESURRECTION EGGS. WE HAVE MANY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES LINED UP FOR EASTER, AND I KNOW THE TURTLES WILL HAVE SO MUCH FUN. ANOTHER SPECIAL DAY THIS MONTH IS EARTH DAY. IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO TAKE CARE OF MOTHER NATURE SO WE WILL LEARN HOW TO PROTECT OUR EARTH AND KEEP HER CLEAN. WE'LL ALSO HAVE BUG WEEK! LET'S SEE HOW MANY INSECTS AND BUGS WE CAN FIND IN OUR YARD AND GARDEN. CAN YOU BELIEVE THERE ARE ONLY 2 MORE MONTHS LEFT IN THE SCHOOL YEAR? THE TURTLES HAVE LEARNED AND ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH. I'M PROUD OF THEIR EFFORT AND GROWTH TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE. THEY WORK HARD EVERY DAY TO EARN MARBLES AND ARE GETTING CLOSER TO EARNING THEIR SPECIAL REWARD.

LOVE,

MS. RACHELLE

Butterfly Bulletin



Hello Butterfly families,

March was such a lengthy and busy month! We got to do so many enjoyable things. We had fun naming farm animal sounds, and painting muddy pigs. We got to taste a variety of yummy food with our colorful veggie tray. We also got to explore with veggie sensory and ended up doing two really cute veggie themed crafts with Ms. May. We explored all the colors of the rainbow, making necklaces, playing under our rainbow parachute and painting beautiful rainbow handprints. Then, we were visited by the naughty Leprechaun! He was nice enough to leave us some treats though. I think he'll be welcomed back next year! Lastly, we finished the month with a very cool science experiment of germinating black beans to see if they will grow. They've already started to sprout! The Butterflies cannot be anymore excited to bring them home as their beans continue to grow.

April will be just as an exciting month as March was. We've got so many plans to continue learning about fruits and veggies with non-stop art activities for the foods we love. In the week of Easter we'll be working on painting eggs, decorating crosses and hunting for what the Easter Bunny will be leaving for us. We will also discuss how much we love our beautiful planet Earth with all kinds of sensory activities and Earth Day art projects. The last week of April is Teacher Appreciation week. The Butterflies are going to make sure that all the teachers at St. Michael's feel loved and appreciated!

Lastly, as the weather begins to warm up, I would like to ask that all Butterflies please bring in a water bottle with their name on it everyday. We have been enjoying taking water breaks together out on the play yard to help us keep hydrated!

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer

In the kitchen with MS. Alicia

By popular demand, here is our taco salad recipe:

Ingredients:

Bag of iceberg salad mix, lean ground beef, shredded cheese blend, tortilla chips, Hidden Valley ranch dressing.

Instructions:

Cook lean ground beef in skillet until thoroughly cooked, add taco seasoning. Let cool. Add mixed salad into bowl. Crush tortilla chips over salad.

Add cooled ground beef, then add cheese. Next add ranch dressing to taste.

I always add a little drizzle- a little goes a long way and you don't want it too soggy.

ENJOY! 😊



April Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mac and Cheese Mixed Veg Watermelon Milk	
	4 Taco Salad Cornbread Oranges Milk	5 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Oranges Milk	6 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Peaches Milk	7 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Oranges Milk	8 Beanie Weenies French Bread Pears Milk	
	11 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	12 Spanish Rice Green Beans Pears Milk	13 Meatball Sliders Corn Oranges Milk	14 Spaghetti and Meatballs Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	15 CLOSED for Good Friday	
	18 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Corn Peaches Milk	19 Beef Tostada With All the Fixings Mandarins Milk	20 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Melon Milk	21 Pulled Chicken Sliders Peas Apples Milk	22 Sloppy Joes Salad Oranges Milk	
	25 English Muffin Pizza Salad Pears Milk	26 Bean and Cheese Burrito Peas Pears Milk	27 Spanish Rice with Meat and Cheese Corn Peaches Milk	28 Chili Mac Apples Milk	29 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Oranges Milk	



April Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Cheerios and Milk Cheese Itz and Apples	
	4 Granola Bars and Apples Trail Mix and Apples	5 Chex Cereal and Milk Refried Beans and Cheese and Chips	6 Cheesy English Muffins and Apples Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit Salsa	7 Belvitas and Apples Graham Crackers and Bananas	8 String Cheese and Ritz GoGurts and Strawberries	
	11 Yogurt and Strawberries Goldfish and Apples	12 Waffles and Applesauce Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	13 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples Trail Mix and Pears	14 Granola Bars and Apples Cinnamon Toast and Oranges	15 CLOSED for Good Friday	
	18 Nutra Grain bars and Pears Pirate Booty and Mandarins	19 Tortilla Roll-Ups Chex Mix and Apples	20 French Toast Sticks and Pears Blueberry Bread and Oranges	21 Cereal and Milk Pretzels and Bananas	22 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Apples Oatmeal Bar and Oranges	
	25 Blueberry Bagels and Apples Cheese Sticks and Ritz crackers	26 French Toast Sticks and Milk Blueberry Muffins and Apples	27 Biscuits and Oranges Granola Bars and Apples	28 Pancakes and Applesauce Trail Mix and Pears	29 Cheerios and Milk Cheese Itz and Apples	