

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

December 2022

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*

9:30am- Pre-K Frog & Tiger and Owl classes

10:00- Ducklings, Turtle, Cub and Flamingo classes.

Dec 16th Christmas Program 6:30 in the Church

Dec 26-Jan 2 Closed for Christmas Break

Jan 3 School Reopens

Looking Forward to Next Month

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Jan 16 Closed for MLK Day

A graphic with the words "MERRY CHRISTMAS" in a bold, red, stylized font. The letters are slightly overlapping and have a 3D effect. A small white star is positioned above the letter 'I' in "CHRISTMAS".

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Colleen's Corner

Welcome to December! It's the most wonderful time of the year! You sang that, right?! So much fun happening this month, let's get right to it!

We are so excited to be able to host our Christmas Program this year. We haven't done this 2019! You are in for a treat; the kids have really been working hard at learning the songs. I do expect a very large crowd, but as we say at St. Michael's...."we're all friends at St. Michael's." Expect that it will be crowded, but we can squeeze together and make new friends! After the program, please join us at the preschool for refreshments. We will have a sign-up sheet on the Help Board for treats.

The official numbers aren't in (still have some last-minute orders) but so far, we have raised over \$5,000 for the preschool! Wow! Thank you to all that participated. I'll put the "official" winner info on Remind later this week. Still waiting to hear about the grant, they promised we would know by the end of January. Once we know that info, we will make plans to spend the funds! Never a problem for me to spend \$\$.

We have all been warned that this winter will be a tough one as far as illnesses go. We are continuing to clean, sanitize and wash our hands. Please let us know if your child is sick, we haven't had any covid cases, but we have had flu and RSV. We still have to report these cases to Licensing, so let me know ASAP. As much as I hate posting it on Remind, I like to notify parents so you can keep a close eye on your kids. Thank you for your help!

As we close the year, all of us at St. Michael's want to wish you the merriest of holidays. We never forget how lucky we are that we get to be a small part of your child's life. These kids are the best, they make coming to work so fun! Merry Christmas, see you next year!

Love,
Ms. Colleen



Fantastic Frogs

Hello Frog Families,
I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. This past month we continued working in our workbook, letter and number recognition and the letter sounds. We ended the month talking about what we are thankful for.

It's so exciting for me to share my joy and anticipation of the Christmas season with your child. We will be doing many Christmas crafts for you to cherish for years to come. Let's not forget the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of baby Jesus! Mark your calendars for Dec 16, the night of our Christmas program. Your kids have been practicing, and boy, can they sing!

I want to wish all of my families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you next year!
Ms. Diana



Outstanding Owls

Dear Owl Families,

What a thankful month November was! The Owls had a lot of things to be thankful for but Mommies and Daddies were top of the list. We had a lot of fun activities making turkeys, thankful cross and our giant thankful Turkey. The giant Turkey was a great activity the Owls did together. First, we paint a long boarder paper brown. Next, we cut out the turkey's body and neck on the brown. Then, we made the eyes beak and the wattle. Finally, the Owls helped put it all together and also add their thankful feathers, to complete the grant Turkey. The giant Turkey turned out great, the Owls loved seeing what they were thankful on the Turkey. We ended the month with decorating the classroom with Christmas decorations, my favorite time of the year!

December is here and it beginning to look like Christmas! This is the most exciting month of the year. So, let's get ready for some Christmas activities and joyful fun. Ho ho ho!

Mr. Louis

Terrific Tigers



Hello Tiger families,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones. We have so much to be thankful for. This past month we continued to work in our workbooks, letter recognition, letter sounds, we also talked about what we are thankful for.

December is the best time of year. Christmas is one of my favorite holidays with all the beautiful lights, decorations, visiting Santa and spending time with Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins.

This month we will be learning about the meaning of Christmas and the birth baby Jesus. We will also be making many beautiful decorations for your home as well as a special gift for you to cherish for many years. I heard from Sparkle our Classroom elf on the shelf. She told me she can't wait to come visit us this month and she has a special message from Santa.

I am so glad we are able to do our Christmas program this year, the Tigers have been working very hard practicing the songs. Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,

Ms. Misti

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families!

The last month of 2022! I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving break. Last month, we focused on being thankful and I often asked the Cubs what they were thankful for. Many said their families, friends, toys, and yes, even candy. We created a couple Thanksgiving keepsakes that I hope you'll cherish for years to come.

The holiday season is always so magical, and we'll be busy elves making many Christmas surprises. We will continue to work on being kind and caring friends with our Kindness Advent Calendar where we will participate in an act of kindness each day. Jesus is the reason for the season, and the Cubs will celebrate his birth with a party!

We'll end the month with our Christmas break and resume shortly after the New Year. During this time, please continue to work with your child in building their self-help skills such as putting on their own clothing and speaking up for themselves. We work on this daily in the classroom, and it's great to see their confidence grow when they achieve something on their own.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,

Ms. Rachelle



Flamingo Fun

Dear Flamingo Families,

Welcome to the month of December! It's hard to believe that we are close to the end of the year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed your time with friends and family. In November we were busy being thankful for the many blessings we have in our lives. And learning what thanksgiving is about. I can say I'm thankful to be part of your child's early education and have the opportunity to see them become into their own self.

In the month of December, we will have 3 weeks of Christmas fun, decorating our class tree, making gingerbread people, and working on our surprise Christmas gifts. We then will move into celebrating the true meaning of Christmas which is the birth of baby Jesus. Please make sure to mark your calendars for all the special events we will be having this month. Our Christmas program will be on December 16. And our last day of school before we start our Christmas break will be December 23rd and we will return to school on January 3rd.

Also, we will be trying to work on class goals each month, so that the children will have a chance to become more independent. It's such a proud moment for me as a teacher and for your child when they are able to become independently successful.

For this month our goals are...

- Walk inside the school
- Holding own items such as water bottles, bedding bags etc
- Dressing ourselves (putting on pants, shirts, socks, shoes, sweater etc). Please provide clothing that makes it easy for your child to put on or off.

Thank you for working with me and helping your child have successful growth and development while in the Flamingo class.

Love,

Ms. Miriam

Chapel Topics

Dec 6 Advent

Dec 13 Mary

Dec 20 The Birth of Jesus

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A CHILD
OF GOD



Sea Turtle Times

Happy Holidays!

Last month the Sea Turtles welcome to new friends to our classroom. We really enjoyed our Thanksgiving feast, the tasting of everything pumpkin and decorating our turkeys.

This month Christmas around the world special week, we will listen to read books and learn that about other countries traditions. Also, we're going learn about Christmas and Baby Jesus. It's a short month and we are going to be busy. We will be working on make our special Christmas gifts for parents.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful Christmas break and will see you next year!

Love,
Ms.Kittie and Ms. May



Duckling Details

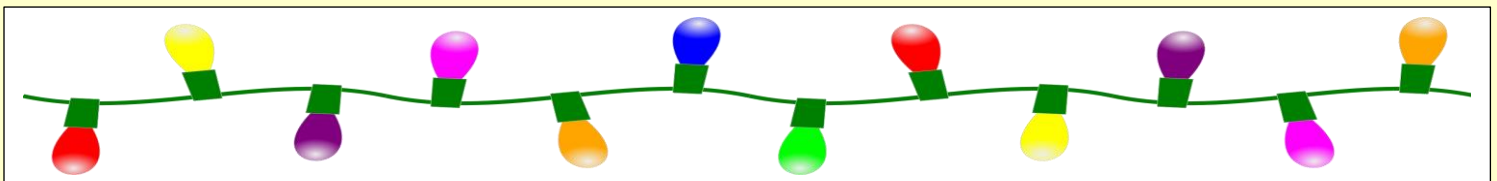
Hello duckling families,

Wow! November came and went, but you know what they say, time flies when you're having fun and we sure did have plenty of fun! We made beautiful poppies to honor our veterans. We discussed the things that we are thankful for and we had fun making stamped corn art. Lastly, we really enjoyed just taking it easy the week of thanksgiving with reading books and getting an early start to our Christmas decorating.

December will be just as busy if not even more so than November. We've got our own little Christmas tree in our classroom for us to decorate! We've got plenty of festive art projects planned such as a number of ornaments and painting activities. We'll also be exploring with our new Nativity Scene toys and felt tree on the wall. We also have a PJ and movie day planned. Looking forward to celebrating throughout December with you!

Lots of Love~

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria



Every holiday season we try to help those less fortunate. As we have done in past years, we will be collecting gift cards for Mt. Diablo Unified's HOPE program. The HOPE program supports children who attend schools within the district that are homeless. We are asking for gift card donations to stores like Safeway, Target, WalMart or Visa gift cards that can be used anywhere. We would like to have the gift cards by Dec 16th so that we can get them to those who need them! Thank you for helping us help those that need it! I will have an envelope in the office where you can drop them off.

Dec Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
				1 Chili French Bread Peaches Milk	2 Bean and Cheese Burritos Peas Mandarins Milk	
	5 Taco Salad French Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	6 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Stix Cuties Milk	7 Mac and Cheese Corn Peaches Milk	8 Beef Tostadas Garden Salad Applesauce Milk	9 Chicken Nuggets French Bread Corn Peaches Milk	
	12 Chili Corn Chips Mixed Fruit Milk	13 Meatball Sandwiches Peas Applesauce Milk	14 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Corn Peaches Milk	15 Pasta Alfredo w/Chicken Garden Salad Applesauce Milk	16 Bean and Cheese Burrito Pears Milk	
	19 Sloppy Joes Corn Peaches Milk	20 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Milk	21 Fish Sticks Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Milk	22 Pizza Party!! Garden Salad Apples Milk	23 Chili Mac Bananas Milk	
<p>St. Michael's Preschool wishes you and yours a very merry Christmas! See you next year!</p>						



Dec Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				3 Cheesy English Muffins Muffins and Milk	4 Yogurt and Apples String Cheese and Wheat Thins	
	7 Cheesy English Muffins Veggie Sticks with Wheat Thins	8 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples Chex Mix and Pears	9 French Toast Sticks and Pears Blueberry Bread and Oranges	10 Life Cereal and Milk Nillas and Bananas	11 Bagels and Cream Cheese with OJ Cuties and Trail Mix	
	14 Graham Crackers and Bananas Pretzels and Cheese Sticks	15 Pancakes and Pears Belvitas and Oranges	16 Cheesy English Muffins and Pears Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit Salsa	17 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Ham Rainbow Muffins and Mandarins	18 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples Trail Mix and Cheese	
	21 French Toast Sticks and Pears Apple Cinnamon Bread and Oranges	22 Granola Bars Apples Cheese Itz and Mandarins	23 Chex Cereal and Milk Pita Chips and Hummus	Waffles and Applesauce Yogurt and Strawberries	23 Blueberry Bread and Oranges Goldfish and Apples	
St. Michael's Preschool will re-open on Tuesday, Jan 3, 2023!						