

# St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

## February 2023

### Upcoming Events

#### Chapel

Every *Tuesday*

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

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

Feb 10-16<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair in the Parish Hall 12-1 & 3-6pm

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day Parties

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Closed for Teacher Inservice

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Closed for President's Day

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday

### Looking Forward to Next Month

March 2 Read Across America Day

March 17 St. Paddy's Day Celebrations

March 20 Spring Begins!



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### Colleen's Corner

Welcome to February!

We thought for a bit that we might have to build that ark we have heard about at Chapel, but we didn't. Just said some prayers that we would all be safe and look at us, safe and sound! Lost a few roof shingles but in spite of how much rain we had in such a short period of time, we survived just fine. Thanks to a generous donation from one of our families, we purchased a lot of fun large motor equipment that we used in the Parish Hall to get our wiggles out.

February...the month of love. We will have lots of special activities for Valentine's Day and we will follow up all those activities with our Valentine's Day parties. We will have sign up sheets for each classroom to donate items to our party. Each child will make their own Valentine's Day bag to hold all their Valentine's. Please have your child bring in signed Valentine's cards to pass out to their friends.

Is it any coincidence that after all the Valentine's Day treats that we will be learning about Dental Health? We have some special activities planned to help keep our teeth in tip top shape!

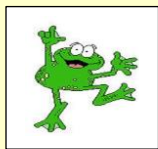
We are eagerly awaiting planting season. If you are able, we could use bags of potting soil to add to our garden boxes. We learned what works in our garden and what didn't and we are looking forward to getting the garden planted.

As a reminder, tuition increases are in effect as of Feb 1. If you don't know your rate, see me!

Just an FYI-due to insurance issues, we can no longer have bounce houses. 😞

Who knows what this month will bring us after last month, but whatever comes our way, we know we got this! Best kids, best families, best teachers!

Love,  
Ms. Colleen



## Fantastic Frogs

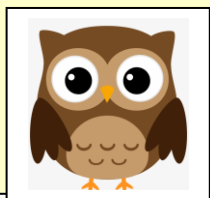
Hello Frog Families!

We started our new year with a bang! It was hard at first to get back into our regular daily routines after some time off, but we're slowly getting back. Everyone seemed to enjoy our winter crafts from snowmen names, mittens, snowglobes, and a fluffy snow project. We ended the month celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. and learning the great things he did and the powerful words he spoke. Our friendship salad was a big hit, thank you to everyone who donated fruit. So yummy!

So we are halfway through the school year and I have started some assessments. It is a great way to find out what we need to continue to work on. At this time I will be introducing lowercase letters. I will also bring out an activity called WordTime. This will help teach the children how to form sentences using verbs, adjectives, and nouns.

**Love is in the air! We will be having a Valentine's Day Party on Tuesday, February 14th. A sign-up will be posted outside our door. If you would like your child to participate in handing out Valentine's day cards, please send 13 cards signed with your child's name on them; no need to address them to other children. For a craft, we will decorate bags that they can put Valentine's cards in that they receive. It is going to be a fantastic month!**

Love,  
Ms. Diana



## Outstanding Owls

Hello Owl Families!

Wow! January flew by SO quickly! The Owls worked on a lot of letter recognition activities and daily practice writing their names in our classroom's new sign-in area! We talked about problem-solving with our friends a whole lot, and what it means to "talk it out" and find solutions to our problems! We will continue working on those skills so that they will be masters at it in no time!

February is here and LOVE IS IN THE AIR! This month, we will be celebrating our love for our families and friends all month long. Great friendships are definitely worth celebrating! We will also be discussing dental hygiene and how to take care of our teeth! Later in the month, we will talk a lot about Dr. Seuss as we near his birthday on March 2nd! We have so many of his books in our classroom library and we can't wait to choose our favorites for that week!

In the upcoming month, the class will be zooming in on table manners and how to greet others and respond when people greet us! We will also be discussing the importance of never giving up, even when things may seem difficult in the moment!

The Owls are SO smart and I can't wait to dive into another fun month with them all!

Love,  
Ms. Carla

## Terrific Tigers



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 e-mail the school and we can set up a time to speak.

We will have our Valentines party on Tuesday February 14. Sign-ups for a special snack will posted on Remind. If you would like your child to participate, please bring 15 cards signed by your child, no need to address them.

Love,  
Ms. Misti

## Cub Central



Hello Cub Families!

The first month of the year is officially in the books! We talked about snow, weather, Arctic animals, and celebrated the Year of the Rabbit. While the rain didn't stop us from having fun indoors, we look forward to sunnier days ahead!

February may be the shortest month, but there will be no shortage of fun and excitement. Love is in the air! We'll be creating a very special Valentine for our families and celebrating with a Valentine's Day party. Cubs are welcome to bring a Valentine for all their friends. We'll close out the month learning about dental care and kick off literacy week to honor Dr. Seuss' birthday.

With the colder weather, please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate outerwear and footwear. We do our best to keep the germs away so we will continue to work on covering our coughs/sneezes and washing our hands properly while at school.

Love,

Ms. Rachelle and Ms. May



## Flamingo Fun

Hello to our Flamingo families,

We entered the year 2023 with a bang and have been busy learning our letters, colors, shapes, and most importantly keeping healthy! In 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. We celebrated Chinese New Year by making drums, lanterns, and painting with chop sticks, and of course eating a yummy Chinese lunch!

In February we will be celebrating Valentine's week using the colors red, pink and purple, using a lot of the shape hearts and telling those around us how much we care for them. 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 17th for our staff in-service day and on the 20th for Presidents' Day.

Our school and home goals for this month are:- putting on and zipping up jackets/sweaters by ourselves

-speaking up when we want or need something

-following 3 simple instructions

We are looking forward to a fun and festive month of love and sharing!

Love, Ms. Miriam

## In the Kitchen with MS. Alicia

By popular demand, here is our chilimac recipe:

Serves 6 people

Ingredients:

1 lb. lean ground beef, 2 (16 oz) cans chili beans, 1 (16 oz) can tomato sauce, taco seasoning and onion powder to taste, 1 lb. elbow pasta, shredded cheese

Instructions:

Cook lean ground beef in skillet until thoroughly cooked, add taco seasoning and onion powder. Boil elbow noodles until al dente, drain from water. Add meat, beans and tomato sauce to elbow pasta. Mix thoroughly. Add everything into a baking pan and top with cheese. Bake at 350 until cheese is melted. Serve hot.

ENJOY! 😊





## Sea Turtle Times

Hello Sea Turtles families!

We had a great January and we enjoying the wonderland theme. Our favorites was water painting and sensory activities. We also liked reading our Arctic animal books as well. February is always my favorite month and fun activities. We will have envelopes and paper for Sea Turtles to send to "the mailbox". We will be decorating the classroom with everything hearts, pink and red!

The Valentine's Day party is always fun for the children, please bring 15 cards or treats. Please, no nuts.

Happy February and have a great month.  
Love,  
Ms Kittie



## Chapel Topics

|               |                                 |                    |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Feb 7</i>  | <i>Lost Coin, Sheep, People</i> | <i>Luke 9-15</i>   |
| <i>Feb 14</i> | <i>No Chapel</i>                |                    |
| <i>Feb 21</i> | <i>Fishers of Men</i>           | <i>Luke 5</i>      |
| <i>Feb 26</i> | <i>Fishers of Men pt 2</i>      | <i>Luke 5:1-11</i> |



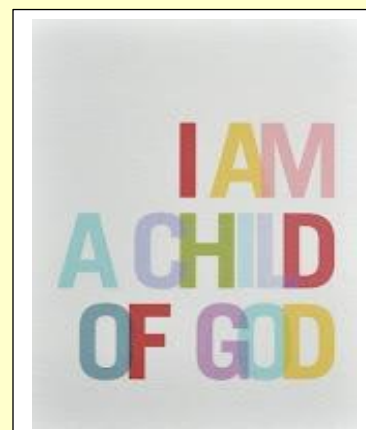
## Duckling Details

Hello Duckling families,

Wow! The month of January was "snow" much fun! It started out great with celebrating the New Year! We had all kinds of fun with the theme of all things snowy. We had a blast with ice sensory, and our snowball fight. We especially enjoyed celebrating Lunar New Year with all of that yummy Chinese food. Our chop stick skills really exceeded our expectations! Looking forward to February, because we've got a ton on lovely activities planned.

At the beginning of the month, we'll be discussing Groundhogs Day with an activity of exploring with our own shadows and tracing them too. 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 healthy. Lastly, we'll end the month with reading plenty of Dr. Suess books. February is going to be a really fun month. We hope you all stay happy healthy and safe!

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria



# February Lunch



| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  |  |
|--------|--|--|---|--|---|--|
|        | 2  | 3  | 1<br>Beanie Weenies<br>Cornbread<br>Pineapple<br>Milk     | 2<br>Tostadas<br>Salad<br>Applesauce<br>Milk                 | 6<br>Chicken Noodle<br>Soup<br>French Bread<br>Veg Sticks<br>Apples<br>Milk |  |
|        | 9<br>Taco Salad<br>French Bread<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Milk     | 7<br>Turkey and<br>Cheese Sandwich<br>Veg Stix<br>Cuties<br>Milk     | 8<br>Mac and Cheese<br>Corn<br>Peaches<br>Milk            | 9<br>Chicken Teriyaki<br>and Rice<br>Corn<br>Peaches<br>Milk | 10<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>French Bread<br>Corn<br>Peaches<br>Milk            |  |
|        | 13<br>Meatball<br>Sandwiches<br>Peas<br>Applesauce<br>Milk | 14<br>Valentine's Day<br>Special Lunch                               | 15<br>Beef Tostadas<br>Garden Salad<br>Applesauce<br>Milk | 16<br>Sloppy Joes<br>Garden Salad<br>Applesauce<br>Milk      | 17<br>Center Closed<br>for Teacher<br>Workday                               |  |
|        | 20<br>Center Closed<br>for<br>President's<br>Day           | 21<br>Penne Pasta with<br>Meat Sauce<br>Green Beans<br>Pears<br>Milk | 22<br>Chili Mac<br>Pineapple<br>Milk                      | 23<br>Bean and Cheese<br>Burrito<br>Pears<br>Milk            | 24<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Corn<br>Bananas<br>Milk                            |  |
|        | 27<br>Tomato Soup<br>Cheese Zombies<br>Peaches<br>Milk     | 28<br>Beanie Weenies<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Milk                          |   |  |   |  |



# February Snack

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Sat |
|--------|---|--|---|---|---|-----|
|        |   |  | 1<br>English Muffins and Cheese<br><br>Tortilla rollup                            | 2<br>Blueberry Muffins and Pears<br><br>Trail Mix and Oranges               | 3<br>Yogurt and Apples<br><br>String Cheese and Wheat Thins       |     |
|        | 6<br>Pancakes with Applesauce<br><br>Veggie Sticks with Wheat Thins | 7<br>Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples<br><br>Chex Mix and Pears      | 8<br>French Toast Sticks and Pears<br><br>Blueberry Bread and Oranges             | 9<br>Life Cereal and Milk<br><br>Nillas and Bananas                         | 10<br>Bagels and Cream Cheese with OJ<br><br>Cuties and Trail Mix |     |
|        | 13<br>Yogurt and Apples<br><br>String Cheese and Wheat Thins        | 14<br>Pancakes and Pears<br><br>Belvitas and Oranges                 | 15<br>Cheesy English Muffins and Pears<br><br>Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit Salsa | 16<br>Bagels with Cream Cheese and Ham<br><br>Rainbow Muffins and Mandarins | 17<br>Center Closed for Teacher Inservice                         |     |
|        | 20<br>Center Closed for President's Day                             | 21<br>French Toast Sticks and Apples<br><br>Cheese Itz and Mandarins | 22<br>Cinnamon Toast and Milk<br><br>French Bread and Cheese                      | 23<br>Waffles and Applesauce<br><br>Yogurt and Granola Bars                 | 24<br>Blueberry Bread and Oranges<br><br>Goldfish and Apples      |     |
|        | 27<br>Oat Bran Muffins and Pears<br><br>Cheese Quesadillas          | 28<br>Oatmeal and Milk<br><br>Tortilla rollups                       |   |   |   |     |