

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

January 2023

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*

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

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

Jan 2 School Closed for New Year

Jan 3 School Re-opens Happy New Year!

Jan 16 School Closed for Martin Luther King Jr.
Day

Looking Forward to Next Month

Feb 14 Valentines Day Celebrations

Feb 17 Closed for Teacher Inservice

Feb 20 Closed for President's Day

Feb 22 Ash Wednesday



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Colleen's Corner

Welcome to 2023! Seems strange to say that, doesn't it?

Happy to say goodbye to 2022 and hopeful for a happy and healthy year ahead of us. I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are well rested and ready to start the new year! I know I am!

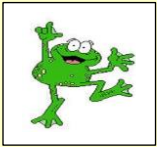
Let's just say it... the kids were amazing at the Christmas program weren't they? We were so happy to be able to have our program this year, a little nervous, but excited to be back to normal. And then the kids rocked it! It was wonderful to see you all and to see so many family members enjoying our wonderful kids. The true meaning of Christmas. Thank you all for attending and for making the night so special!

In your parent pockets you will find a notice about our tuition increase that will go into effect on Feb 1, 2023. We don't like raising tuition, but the cost of literally everything has gone up. We kept it to the minimum to make our budget work for 2023, if you have any questions, please see me.

We had so much fun in December with celebrating holidays, making crafts, baking and learning about rain! It's always fun to welcome in the holidays, but I always like getting back to the regular routines. I hope the rain keeps up. we sure need it. This week we will bring lots of the balls and cars and mobile outside toys to the Parish Hall and turn it into our gyn. It has an echo, but it sure is handy to use when we can't get outside. Let them run!

Here's hoping that 2023 is a healthy one for all of us, filled with fun and adventure! Thanks for being on this journey with us!

Love,
Ms. Colleen



Fantastic Frogs

Hello Frog Families!

Happy New Year to you all! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed quality time with family and friends, I know I did! December was a fun-filled month with Mr. Jingles returning to the frog class, making some special crafts, celebrating baby Jesus's birthday, and our Christmas program! The kids worked so hard practicing the songs and hand movements, it turned out amazing!

Thank you so much for all of the gifts, treats, and gift cards. You are all so thoughtful, I really felt the love! During the month of January, we will start book bags and workbooks again! We will be transforming the classroom into a Winter Wonderland! Some projects will include snowman names, an ice experiment, and snow globes!

As winter is here, please check your child's extra clothes box and be sure there is weather-appropriate attire in them. Also, if your child comes to school with rainboots please send an extra pair of shoes as the boots are prone to slip inside the classroom.

Love,
Ms. Diana



Outstanding Owls

Hello Owl Families!

I am so excited to be the new Owls teacher! I have enjoyed spending time in the Owls classroom the last few Wednesdays and getting to know your little ones and the classroom so well! I am looking forward to teaching your children, creating memories with them in the upcoming months and working together to foster growth and development in your child's life.

WOW, December came and went so quickly. Our school Christmas program was such a blast and all the Owls did amazing. It must have been all that practice they did! Christmas Spirit Week was such a great time. The children absolutely loved creating different crafts in different classrooms, wearing festive holiday colors, and most of all, coming to school in their pajamas and watching a movie with all their friends! I sure had a blast! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the holidays with their loved ones!

In the upcoming month, the class goals will be to practice problem-solving with their classmates, continuing to strengthen their self-help skills, and focusing on letter and number recognition through various activities and games!

I would like to wish you all a very HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR! Looking forward to the fun times ahead!

Love,
Ms. Carla

Terrific Tigers



Hello Tiger Families,

Happy New Year! We made it to 2023. It was so great to have our Christmas program again, I hope you enjoyed it. The kids did an amazing job that night, I was so proud of them.

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with family and friends, I definitely did! I want to thank you for all my 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 first and last names. Make sure to check your calendar for all the great activities we have planned.

On Friday January 20 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.

Love
Ms. Misti

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families!

Happy 2023! 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 your generosity. December was a special month where we anticipated and celebrated the arrival of Baby Jesus. I'm so proud of the Cubs who did their best to perform every task in our Kindness Advent calendar. Let's not forget that being kind is important all year long!

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, changing our own clothes, zipping and buttoning jackets with little to no assistance and using our words to express our feelings.

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 Cubs will also spend a week exploring their 5 senses.

Let's make 2023 the best year yet!

Love,

Ms. Rachelle



Flamingo

Hello Flamingo Families,

Welcome to 2023! I'm excited to be in a brand new year and begin our new adventures in the Flamingo class! I hope all our Flamingo families had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed your time off spent with family and friends.

A big thank you for all my gifts and all the wonderful cards. Also a huge shout out to those families that helped with our Christmas Amazon wish list, the kids love having new toys and books.

This month in January we will be focusing on our letters, shapes, and colors. We will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. with books and projects. And will also be learning about the different types of 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
- Using our flamingo wings(arm) when coughing or sneezing.

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

Love,
Ms. Miriam





Sea Turtle Times

Hello Sea Turtles Families,

Happy New Year! The Sea Turtles was a magical Christmas last month. We enjoyed working on our parents gifts, our fun Christmas art projects and of course singing our favorite Christmas songs. The Christmas performance was a hit and we were so proud of the sea turtles.

This month we will explore winter wonderland with ice, snow, painting, winter animals and learning about hibernation. We also will learn new winter songs, the sea turtles love singing at circle time.

Also, thank you for the sweet cards and gifts for Christmas. We really appreciate it. We excited for the new year.

Love,
Ms Kittie and Ms May



Duckling Details

Hello Duckling families,

The end of December came up real quick, not to mention 2022 for that matter. We sure did have a lot of fun last month. We were visited by our own elf of the shelf, Bernard. 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 a great time making ornaments with ribbon and posing for our photos for our Christmas cards and snow globes. Weren't they super cute?

Thank you for all of the thoughtful gifts and cards we received. You guys truly make us feel appreciated.

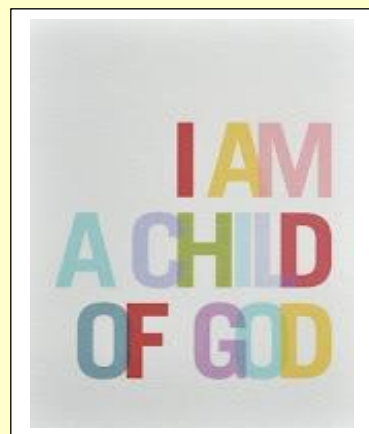
January is going to be a very "cool" month with all of our snow themed activities. We've got plans for some snow sensory, building with ice and dramatic play with Arctic animals. Lastly, we will also be discussing the importance of Martin Luther King Jr. and how he so positively influenced so many people.

We hope that you all have had a wonderful winter break. We're looking forward to getting back to school for the new year!

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria

Chapel Topics

<i>Jan 3</i>	<i>Three Kings</i>	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>
<i>Jan 10</i>	<i>Jesus in the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2:41-52</i>
<i>Jan 17</i>	<i>The Baptism of Jesus</i>	<i>Matthew 3:1-17</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>The Wedding at Cana</i>	<i>John 2:1-12</i>
<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>The Woman at the Well</i>	<i>John 4:3-31</i>



Jan Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	2	3 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Salad Peaches Milk	4 Spanish Rice Corn Pineapple Milk	5 Chili French Bread Applesauce Milk	6 Chicken Noodle Soup French Bread Veg Sticks Apples Milk	
	9 Taco Salad French Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	10 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Stix Cuties Milk	11 Mac and Cheese Corn Peaches Milk	12 Beef Tostadas Garden Salad Applesauce Milk	13 Chicken Nuggets French Bread Corn Peaches Milk	
	16 Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 Meatball Sandwiches Peas Applesauce Milk	18 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Corn Peaches Milk	19 Pasta Alfredo w/Chicken Garden Salad Applesauce Milk	20 Bean and Cheese Burrito Pears Milk	
	23 Sloppy Joes Corn Peaches Milk	24 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Milk	25 Chili Mac Pineapple Milk	26 Bean and Cheese Burritos Peas Mandarins Milk	27 Chicken Nuggets Corn Bananas Milk	
	30 Spanish Rice Corn Peaches Milk	31 Chili Corn Chips Mixed Fruit Milk				



Jan Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 Center Closed for New Year's Day	3 Bagels & Cream Cheese and Pears Graham Crackers and Bananas	4 Blueberry Muffins and Apples Tortilla rollup	5 Cheesy English Muffins Muffins and Milk	6 Yogurt and Apples String Cheese and Wheat Thins	
	9 Pancakes with Applesauce Veggie Sticks with Wheat Thins	10 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples Chex Mix and Pears	11 French Toast Sticks and Pears Blueberry Bread and Oranges	12 Life Cereal and Milk Nillas and Bananas	13 Bagels and Cream Cheese with OJ Cuties and Trail Mix	
	16 Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 Pancakes and Pears Belvitas and Oranges	18 Cheesy English Muffins and Pears Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit Salsa	19 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Ham Rainbow Muffins and Mandarins	20 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples Trail Mix and Cheese	
	23 French Toast Sticks and Pears Apple Cinnamon Bread and Oranges	24 Granola Bars Apples Cheese Itz and Mandarins	25 Cinnamon Toast and Milk Pita Chips and Hummus	26 Waffles and Applesauce Yogurt and Granola Bars	27 Blueberry Bread and Oranges Goldfish and Apples	
	30 Oat Bran Muffins and Pears Cheese Quesadillas	31 Oatmeal and Milk Tortilla rollups				