

# St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

## March 2023

### Upcoming Events

#### Chapel

Every *Tuesday*

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

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

March 2 Celebrate Read Across America Day

March 6 See's Easter Fundraiser begins

March 17<sup>th</sup> Will we Catch the Leprechaun?  
Happy St. Paddy's Day

March 18 Easter Bunny Pix  
By Sign up only

### Looking Forward to Next Month

April 6 Easter Egg Hunts

April 7 Closed for Good Friday

April 21 Earth Day Fun!



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### Colleen's Corner

Welcome to March!

May the luck of the Irish be on your side! With any luck, this will be the year we finally catch those tricky leprechauns! The kids have some amazing ideas on how to catch them, we'll be sure to post pictures of their traps!

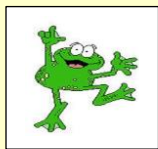
We will be starting our See's Candy Spring Fundraiser this month. Forms will go out on the 6<sup>th</sup>, due back on the 20. Candy should arrive mid-week the following week. We have plans to add a new reading area to the space between the school and the shed. It's always kind of been a catch all space and we want to change that! We have big plans to make that our designated outdoor reading space. Our other plan is to make the area in front of the shed our art area, with easels, messy art play and much more. We are excited about adding these areas in to the program, and the funds from the candy sale will help!

Speaking of fun in the sun, we will be sending out summer/fall enrollment forms this month. Please make sure you get them back to me as soon as possible. We are right in the middle of our planning for the summer and next school year, and knowing your plans helps us! Some of you Pre-K families may not know yet when your child will be moving on, if so, just let me know that.

Excited about all our plans for the spring and summer. Getting outside is one of my favorite parts of the day. If the weather finally warms up, we will start working on our garden. We need to add more dirt to the boxes, any donations of soil would be greatly appreciated. Want us to pick it up for you?? We can do that too!

Thanks again for all the support at the Book Fair! Brought back memories of me taking my kids to book fairs. Good times! We are busy picking new books for our school library, and this helps so much. See you next month!

Love,  
Ms. Colleen



## Fantastic Frogs

Hello Frog Families!

It's March already, wow time is flying by! Thank you to all my families who brought goodies for the Valentine's party, the kids had a blast. We started our lowercase letters and it's going well! Please continue writing and doing letter recognition at home as well

. During this month we will celebrate Dr. Suess's birthday, farm to fork, farm animals, St. Patrick's Day, and ending with some gardening. Some of our activities will include PJ story day along with a special snack, Dr. Suess themed. Once again, we will build a leprechaun trap and try to catch that little fella, boy he is so sneaky and always up to some mischief!

Love,

Ms. Diana



## Outstanding Owls

Hello Owl Families!

February was such a fantastic month! All month long, we discussed love, friendship and kindness. We shared ways to be a good friend and how to spread kindness to those around us. Love was definitely in the air and the Owls enjoyed all the Valentine's Day festivities to the fullest. The cards and candy were flowing and they had such an amazing time passing out their treats to all their friends!

The Owls also discussed dental hygiene and what it means to take care of our teeth. We brainstormed ways to keep our mouths feeling fresh and our teeth sparkling white! We even got to meet the Tooth Fairy and take-home goody-bags. What a fun time! It was definitely an unforgettable (and informational!) experience!

March is already here! This month, the Owls will be learning about farm animals, gardening, the healthy foods we eat and so much more! Spring is right around the corner and we can't wait to shift seasons and welcome all things Spring. While we have moments of sun and warmth in the afternoons, our mornings and late afternoons are still pretty chilly. Just a friendly reminder to send your little one to school in a cozy jacket!

A huge thank you to the families who have donated to our classroom - through the class e-wallet for the Book Fair and by purchasing from our Amazon Wishlist. Your Owls have been enjoying the books and new classroom supplies so much. I am so appreciative for everything that we have received for our classroom!

Love,

Ms. Carla

## Terrific Tigers



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 bugs and insects. 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

## Cub Central



Hello Cubs Families!

February feels like it just blew right by us! We kicked off the month with Five Senses, spent Valentine's Day sharing fun Valentines and treats with our friends, and learned how to keep our teeth clean during dental week. Jam packed for the short month but we'll keep it rolling into March.

During this season of Lent, 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 Cubs will earn a special reward. I look forward to what can be accomplished in the weeks to come!

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

Just a reminder to send your child to school in clothing that they can successfully manage on their own. Work with them to zip, button, buckle and put on their own jackets.

Love,  
Ms. Rachelle and Ms. Mav



## Flamingo Fun

***Hello Flamingo Families,***

What a lovely month February was! We sure felt the love in the air with all our valentines' crafts and fun activities. We also learned about our 5 senses, different types of weather and seasons, and enjoyed our special visit from the tooth fairy who taught how to keep our teeth strong and healthy. 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:

- **Walking in and out of school independently. They can do it!**
- **Dressing ourselves: putting on shoes and jackets, at least trying.**
- **Using our manners: please, thank you, may I**

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

Love,

Ms. Miriam

## In the Kitchen With MS. Alicia

This month instead of doing a recipe, I wanted to talk about what's happening in our "outdoor classroom" aka our sensory garden. We typically turn the soil and have started planting by now, but with all the rain and freezing temperatures, we have postponed it until the weather is better.

I am a firm believer in the importance of kids getting their hands dirty and participating in the process of a garden. Watching how something so tiny, like a seed, can grow into a huge plant that gives us fruit or veggies to eat is a really special thing! So many important lessons are learned through such a simple concept like gardening. The kids take such pride in something they helped plan, create and take care of. Not only does it encourage the children to eat what they planted, it introduces them to a variety of things they may have never tried before. We plan on starting the garden soon- keep your eyes peeled for updates!

Want to know how you can help? We appreciate donations in the form of garden soil, seeds, vegetable plants or flowers or a monetary donation is welcomed too! Let's get gardening!!





## Sea Turtle Times

Hi Sea Turtle Families-

We had a wonderful February of this month. We had a great Valentine's Day party and enjoyed all the goodies.

I can't believe it's going to be spring soon. This month we will start growing seedlings in transport them to the garden. We will learn about Farm to fork, Farm animals and gardening. We will start the month with Literacy Week with some Dr. Seuss books and some of Ms. Kittie's favorite books, Pete the Cat!

At the end of the month will transform our dramatic play area to a garden. This is the sea turtles one favorite things!

Have a great March!

Love,

Ms. Kittie



## Duckling Details

Hello Duckling families,

We had a great time in the month of February. We did all kinds of fun activities and art projects this last month. We took an entire week to celebrate Valentine's Day with our heart sensory bin and our heart themed art projects. We think the Ducklings 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. We even got to visit with the tooth fairy. She was awesome! Lastly, we finished the month with reading one of my favorite Dr. Seuss books, The Lorax.

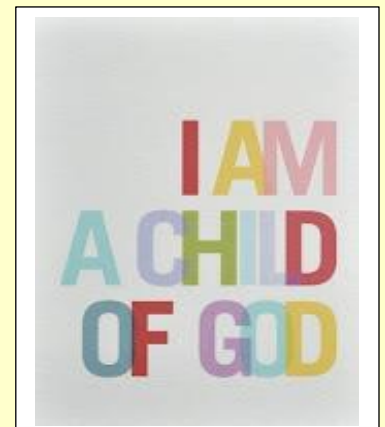
March will be jam-packed with so many colorful activities as we start to move into Spring. For the first part of the month, we will be focusing on life on the farm. We'll explore with a farm themed sensory bin and see how many farm animal sounds we can make. Then, of course ducklings are going play in our own duck pond on the farm. 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. We are so excited to get things started for the month of March. We're going to have a lot of fun with all of our colorful plans.

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria



## Chapel Topics

March 7	Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
March 14	Lazarus	John 11:1-40
March 21	Jesus and the Soldier	Luke 7:1-10
March 28	Jesus Calms the Storm	Mark 4:35-41



# March Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	2	3	1 Mac and Cheese Peas Pineapple Milk	2 Taco Salad Wheat Bread Pears Milk	6 Fish Sticks Corn Apples Milk	
	9 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	7 Pizza Rounds Corn Pears Milk	8 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Cuties Milk	9 Chicken Teriyaki and Rice Peas Peaches Milk	10 Enchilada Casserole Salad Pineapple Milk	
	13 Chicken Alfredo Peas Pineapple Milk	14 Chili Mac Mixed Veg Bananas Milk	15 Beef Tostadas Garden Salad Pears Milk	16 Sloppy Joes Corn Peaches Milk	17 Green Mac and Cheese Green Beans Applesauce Milk	
	20 Spanish Rice Corn Applesauce Milk	21 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Milk	22 Chili French Bread Pineapple Milk	23 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Peaches Milk	24 Chicken Nuggets Corn Bananas Milk	
	27 Tomato Soup Cheese Zombies Peaches Milk	28 Beanie Weenies French Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	29 Shepherd's Pie Corn Pineapple Milk	30 Mac and Cheese Peas Pears Milk	31 Chicken Fried Rice Salad Applesauce Milk	



# March Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 Biscuits and Apples  Tortilla Rollup	2 Blueberry Muffins and Pears  Trail Mix and Oranges	3 Yogurt and Apples  String Cheese and Wheat Thins	
	6 Pancakes with Applesauce  Veggie Sticks with Ritz Crackers	7 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples  Chex Mix and Pears	8 French Toast Sticks and Pears  Blueberry Bread and Oranges	9 Life Cereal and Milk  Nillas and Bananas	10 Bagels and Cream Cheese with OJ  Cuties and Trail Mix	
	13 Yogurt and Apples  String Cheese and Wheat Thins	14 French Toast Sticks and Pears  Belvita and Oranges	15 Cheesy English Muffins and Pears  Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit Salsa	16 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Ham  Rainbow Muffins and Mandarins	17 Pancakes and Applesauce  Shamrock Shakes	
	20 Waffles and Applesauce  Blueberry Muffins and Pears	21 Cereal with Milk and Apples  Cheese Itz and Mandarins	22 Cinnamon Toast and Milk  French Bread and Cheese	23 Cheesy English Muffins  Yogurt and Granola Bars	24 Blueberry Bread and Oranges  Goldfish and Apples	
	27 Breakfast Bar and Oranges  Cheese Quesadillas	28 Biscuits with Jelly and Applesauce  Veg Sticks and wheat Thins	29 Oat Bran Muffins with Pears  Ritz with Almond Butter and Apples	30 Cheerios with Milk  Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	31 Pancakes and Applesauce  Trail Mix and Bananas	