

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

May 2023

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*

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

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

Fun Events This Month

May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2-4 Spring Pictures

May 11-12 Vision Screening

May 12 Mother's Day Tea 3:00-5:00

May 29 Closed for Memorial Day

Looking Forward to Next Month

June 2 Pre-K Graduation @ 6:30 pm

June 5 Summer Program Begins

June 19th Closed for Juneteenth

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Colleen's Corner

Welcome to May! Lots of things happening this month so let's get to it!

May 1-5 is Teacher Appreciation Week, a time to show our wonderful teachers that we appreciate them. A few ideas went out in your parent pockets, if you need any ideas, please see me!

May 2-4 will be Spring Pictures with Jessica from Shine Photography. Pre-K graduates will also have their pictures taken in cap and gown. So cute, I can't wait to see how they turn out.

Back after 3 years....Vision Screening! This is a service provided by the Elks Club free of charge. All children 3 and up will have their vision screened by a certified pediatric vision screener. Almost every year they have been able to screen children who ended up needing glasses. It's such a valuable service, and it's FREE! See me if you have any questions, and again, it is for children aged 3 and up. Twos tend not to cooperate?? Who knew??

One of my favorite events...Mother's Day Tea. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall and the garden. Being a mom is the best and hardest job in the world!! You ALL deserve a fun afternoon, and we are here to make that happen. Happy Mother's Day to the best bunch of moms out there!

Finally, for our Pre-K graduates...Graduation has been moved to Friday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm in the church. You will bring your child to the Parish Hall by 6:15 and you will go over to the church and find a seat. Don't worry, it won't be as crowded as the Christmas Program! Your graduates will come to the church promptly at 6:30. Graduation is such a bittersweet time; I hate saying good-bye!

Until next month,

Ms. Colleen



Fantastic Frogs

Hello Frog Families!

It is hard to believe the end of the year is upon us! The children have grown so much over the course of the year.

We started off April with our annual egg hunt, it was a huge success as always! After Easter, we jumped right into gardening where we learned the parts of a plant. The kids really enjoyed creating their own flowers. We also jumped into talking about insects where the kids learned the life cycle of a butterfly. During Earth Week we explored the ways we can take care of our planet and the importance of keeping it safe and clean. Thank you all for your contributions that we were able to use to build our recyclable house.

In May our theme is all about "My World" where will be discussing the community helpers that we see in our everyday lives and how they help us. Also, we will be dedicating a week to our wonderful mothers and how much they mean to us. We will be creating a special gift for them!

Starting May 22, we will be dedicating the last two weeks of the month to practicing for Pre-K graduation. Mark your calendars, it will be June 2nd at 6:30 pm. Please have your child at the Parish Hall by 6:15 pm sharp. Time moves fast when you're having fun. It has been my privilege to be your child's teacher this school year.

Love,
Ms. Diana

Terrific Tigers



Hello Tiger Families,

I can't believe it's May already. I want to wish All of our moms a very Happy Mother's Day.

We had an awesome April. We learned how to take care of our earth, our bodies by eating healthy and exercising, The life cycle of butterflies and flowers, and about space.

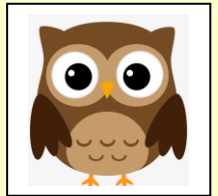
Our themes for this month are Teacher appreciation, Mothers are Special, Community Helpers, Children around the World. I will post our calendar on remind so you can see the activities we will be doing.

Graduation is quickly approaching. WOW graduation, I can't believe it's almost graduation already. They have been working so hard over the course of the year and I am so proud of each and every one of them. We will have more information on graduation coming soon.

Be safe and have a blessed month.

Love,
Ms. Misti

Outstanding Owls



Hello Owl Families!

April was such an eventful month! We celebrated Easter and had a blast at the egg hunt, nurtured caterpillars into butterflies, celebrated our planet and learned ways to take care of Earth, and most importantly, welcomed SPRING! We are finally enjoying all the sunshine and warm weather and are becoming super excited for warmer days ahead!

May is already here! This month, the Owls will be celebrating their teachers and mothers, aunts and grandmothers - as Teacher Appreciation Week and Mother's Day are right around the corner. We will also be discussing the important members and workers of our community, children and cultures around the world, and getting a start on Graduation practice! We have so many awesome activities planned for this month, and we can't wait to dive in.

*Please note that Graduation is for only the handful of Owls that are moving on to Kindergarten in the Fall.

As the days warm up, please send your child to school with their first round of sunscreen already applied. We will apply another round in the afternoon! Hats are encouraged and recommended.

Love,
Ms. Carla

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families!

April was a fun filled month for us as we've enjoyed watching signs of Spring pop up, even in our classroom. We eagerly await the arrival of our painted lady butterflies. The Cubs have been watching the transformation of the caterpillars to chrysalis and look forward to releasing them into our garden when they are ready. Last month, we learned about healthy eating, celebrated Earth week with a nature walk, and of course, had a blast finding eggs from the Easter Bunny.

During the month of May, we celebrate Mom and all our amazing community helpers. We hope you can join us for our special Mother's Day event. The Cubs will begin work on a top-secret project, and I know they can't wait to share their surprise. We will end the month learning about children all over the world and wrap up our school year with our favorite songs and stories.

The weather is finally warming up so please apply sunscreen and dress your child in appropriate clothing to beat the heat. We spend a lot of time outdoors so we want to make sure our skin is protected. The Cubs work on their independence daily so don't forget to encourage and support their new skills.

Love,
Ms. Rachelle and Ms. May



Flamingo Fun

Hello Flamingo Families,

We had so much fun in April from our Easter egg hunt, to learning how to eat healthy, learning how to reduce, recycle and reuse, and ending the month with earth week. We are getting close to ending our school year and starting our summer fun. But before we end the school year with a bang, we have a few more weeks of fun learning. As we get ready for our summer plans, we still have some goals to accomplish, such as learning how to write out, spell, and recognize the letters in our names. So many have started one or all of these steps and it makes me so proud to see all the letters we are practicing to write for fun!

This May is a special month because we get to celebrate our wonderful teachers and moms. We start this month off by celebrating and thanking our teachers for all their hard work and dedication. We will be making a special gift for all our flamingo moms and celebrate with a special event hosted at the school.

This month we will have 2 full weeks learning and talking about all the different types of community helpers we see within our community and why their job(s) are so important. Please remember we will be closed Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day. We are ready to end the school year with a Big Bang with lots of fun activities!

Love,
Miss Miriam

Summer Activity Fee

Our summer activity fee is due by May 31. The charge is \$40 for one child and \$75 for two. The fee covers all the fun that summer brings such as the Bubble Show, the Magic Show, a Puppet Show, character visits, water slides and water play, special crafts, popsicles and so much more. Here's to a fun filled summer!





Sea Turtle Times

Hello Sea Turtle Families!

We had a blast last month. I love this time of the year when the class turns in to be a little family. They are playing as a group and they are concerned if classmates is not here. It's a joy to see their personalities start opening up as well.

In class last month the Sea Turtles enjoyed watching the transformation of our Caterpillars turning to be butterflies. We learned last month about healthy food and making yummy healthy smoothies. If you noticed lately, we have been doing cooking activities on Fridays. As you know the Sea Turtles loving eating and we have been trying to have different skills when we're cooking in the classroom.

This month will work on our special Mother's Day gift. We will also learn about our community helpers, including learning about firefighters to mail carriers. Also, ending the month we will learn about children around the world with special books. Ending of the month will have a special teddy bear, picnic with the Cubs, this is our little celebration for ending the year.

Have a wonderful month.

Love,
Ms. Kittie



Duckling Details

Hello Duckling families,

April was such a fantastic month! We did so much art between our super cute Peeps stamps for Easter to making a rainbow of delicious art with strawberries, carrots, lemons and broccoli. Celebrating Easter was so much fun with all our crafts and our egg hunt. The Ducklings brought in a BIG haul of eggs this year. The following week, we discussed everything we could think of about our planet Earth. We talked about the vast oceans, the lush forests and all the animals who live in them. We also talked about how we need to take care of our beautiful Earth!

The end of the school year is coming up with the month of May, but that doesn't mean all of the fun we have will stop. We've got plenty of fun activities and crafts planned. We'll start the month out with showing our appreciation to our St. Michael's teachers. We'll also work on some top-secret plans as we make something really special for Mother's Day. Then, we will spend a large portion of the month discussing community helpers with firefighter sensory and books, acting like doctors who take good care of their patients, taking out the trash like a garbage worker and many more activities. Lastly, we're gonna talk about children from all over the world with how they look, what they eat and how they say "Hello" in their language and discuss different kinds of yummy from around the world. We are looking forward to what's ahead in May!

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria

In the Kitchen with MS. Alicia

SPANISH RICE

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 CUPS WHITE RICE
- 1 8OZ CAN TOMATO SAUCE
- 16 OZ MILD PACE SALSA
- 1 LB GROUND BEEF
- 1 TBS MINCED GARLIC
- 1 TSP PEPPER
- 1 PACKET TACO SEASONING
- 8 OZ BAG CHEDDAR CHEESE

DIRECTIONS:

1. COOK RICE ON STOVE TOP OR IN RICE COOKER.
2. IN A LARGE SKILLET OVER MEDIUM-HIGH HEAT, BROWN THE GROUND BEEF. ADD GARLIC, TACO SEASONING AND PEPPER TO MEAT. SIMMER FOR 15 MIN.
3. COMBINED COOKED RICE AND TOMATO SAUCE, SALSA, MIX WELL.
4. LAYER RICE, MEAT AND CHEESE.
5. BAKE IN OVEN AT 350 UNTIL CHEESE IS MELTED AND SERVE HOT.



May Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	2 Mac and Cheese Peas Applesauce Milk	3 Meatballs and Rice Green Beans Cuties Milk	4 Chicken Nuggets Corn Pears Milk	5 Tacos with the works Salad Peaches Milk	
	8 Spanish Rice with Meat and Cheese Corn Pineapple Milk	9 Chili Mac Mixed Veg Bananas Milk	10 Taco Salad Peas Peaches Milk	11 Sloppy Joes Corn Applesauce Milk	12 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Fresh Veggies Pears Milk	
	15 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Milk	16 Chicken and Rice Peas Applesauce Milk	17 Chili French Bread Pineapple Milk	18 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Peaches Milk	19 Chicken Nuggets Corn Bananas Milk	
	22 Mac and Cheese Peas Pears Milk	23 Taco Salad French Bread Peaches Milk	24 Enchilada Casserole Salad Applesauce Milk	25 Meatball Sliders Green Beans Pineapple Milk	26 Penne Pasta Corn Pineapple Milk	
	29 Closed for Memorial Day	30 Beanie Weenies Biscuits Mixed Fruit Milk	31 Tostadas Corn Pineapple Milk			



May Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 Nutra Grain Bars with Apples Veggie Sticks with Ritz Crackers	2 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Apples Chex Mix and Pears	3 French Toast Sticks and Pears Blueberry Bread and Oranges	4 Life Cereal and Milk Nillas and Bananas	5 Biscuits and Apples Cheez-Its and Fresh Fruit	
	8 Yogurt and Apples String Cheese and Wheat Thins	9 French Toast Sticks and Pears Belvita and Oranges	10 Cheesy English Muffins and Pears Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit Salsa	11 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Ham Rainbow Muffins and Mandarins	12 Pancakes and Applesauce Granola Bars and Oranges	
	15 Waffles and Applesauce Blueberry Muffins and Pears	16 Cereal with Milk and Apples Cheese Itz and Mandarins	17 Cinnamon Toast and Milk French Bread and Cheese	18 Cheesy English Muffins Yogurt and Granola Bars	19 Blueberry Bread and Oranges Goldfish and Apples	
	22 Pancakes and Applesauce Trail Mix and Bananas	23 Cheerios with Milk Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	24 Breakfast Bar and Oranges Cheese Quesadillas	25 Belvitas and Pears Veg Sticks Wheat Crackers Ranch Dip	26 Bagels and Cream Cheese and Apples Granola Bar and Watermelon	
	29 Closed for Memorial Day	30 Biscuits with Jelly and Applesauce Yogurt with Fresh Berries	31 Oat Bran Muffins with Pears Ritz with Almond Butter and Apples			