St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

October 2023

Upcoming Events

<u>Chapel</u>

Every *Tuesday*9:30am- Pre-K Frog & Tiger and Owl classes
10:00- Ducklings, Turtle, Cub and Flamingo classes.

Special Events This Month

October 6-Smith Family Farm Field Trip

October 9-Cosed for Indigenous People's Day

October 31-Halloween Parade and Festival starting at 9:30

Looking Forward to Next Month

November 6 See's Candy Fundraiser Begins

Nov 10th Closed for Veteran's Day

Nov 22,23,24 Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday (Wed, Thurs and Friday)

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Colleen's Corner

Welcome to October!

October feels like the official "kick off" to all the fun remaining this year. So many things to look forward to! We'll start with our Field Trip to Smith Family Farm, next Friday, Oct 6th. Either meet us here by 9:00, or join us at the farm by 9:50. If you've never been to Smith Farm, you are in for a treat! We sing at the hootenanny, go out to the fields to get our pumpkin, go through the corn maze, pet the animals, check out their gardens, and gather together for lunch. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes, and bring a sack lunch. You'll get dirty and dusty but it's worth it! If you have any questions, please see me!

Our Annual Halloween Parade and Festival will be on Tues, Oct 31st. We parade around the parking lot in costume, starting at 9:30. Then we open up the Parish Hall for our festival starting around 10. We will go in groups of two or three classrooms to enjoy pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, slime, games and more. We would love to have some parent volunteers for even part of the morning, so check the Help Board sometime around the middle of the month to sign up. It's a lot of fun and a great way to see your kids in action! If your child doesn't come on Tuesdays, but would like them to participate, please see me!

We will start our Annual See's Candy fundraising in early November. It's one of our two fundraisers that we do each year, we always have fun spending the funds on the kids. For those new to the school, we have put in our garden, added laminate floors, put in new windows, remodeled the kitchen and enhanced all classrooms with our fundraising! It really does help!

After a rocky start to our school year, we really have settled into a nice routine. Thank you again for your patience, I couldn't have imagined a worse first week back to school if I tried. It was one for the books! Looking toward to smooth sailing the rest of the year!

Until next month,

Ms. Colleen



Fantastic Frogs

Terrific Tigers



Hello Frog families,

Our first month of school has been awesome! The kids are getting accustomed to the classroom rules and routines. They really enjoy circle time as we sing songs about letters, read books, and choose their favorite jobs. Everyone seems to really enjoy building letters with wood pieces and of course making Mat Man, which teaches them body awareness.

During the month of October, the kids will continue working on letters, shapes, and their names, as well as practicing their cutting skills. Thank you so much for the classroom donations, they are very much appreciated.

The kids are doing a great job at being a bucket filler because they sure love treasure box day. Mark your calendar for October 6th for our field trip to Smith Family Farm. Get ready for a spooky, fun-filled month!

Love, Miss. Diana



Outstanding Owls

Hello Tiger Families,

October is here, I love this month. We have some great spooky activities planned for this month, so make sure to check out our calendar. The field trip to the **pumpkin** patch will be on Friday October 6 and as a reminder the school closes at 1 P.M. I can't wait to see you there for all the fun activities at the Smith family farm.

Helping Hands — The kids are excited each day to find out what their job is each day. They have also been working hard to keep their buckets full. They all know our class routines and rules and have been doing great following them.

The Tiger class has been busy working in their workbooks and making sure they are taking their time and trying to stay within the lines. During circle we have been learning the days of the week and our letter sounds, I hope they have been coming home and singing the songs for you, they really love it. We will continue to work on our letters, numbers, shapes, and our cutting skills. Please work on these at home as well. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you so much for the Classroom donations, they are very much appreciated.

Love always,

Ms. Misti

Hello Owl Families

Wow, September FLEW by! The Owls had an amazing first full month of school. In September, the Owls were introduced to Mat Man, a super fun tool to teach us about our different body parts and to guide us as we draw our monthly self-portraits. We started our weekly focuses on different uppercase letters, their sounds and how to properly write them. The Owls also discussed their homes, what city they live in and their families. Boy, some of us have very large families with lots of pets! It was really fun for each Owl to learn about their classmates by hearing them present their All About Me poster. (Thank you to all! Our door is complete!)

For the month of October, the Owls will be enjoying all things Fall like a pumpkin and apple tasting, leaf exploration and morel Next week, St. Michael's will be visiting Smith Family Farm and we can't wait to pick out our perfect pumpkin to each take home!

This month, our class goal is to continue practicing holding our pencils and markers the correct way. With lots of writing practice each week, the Owls will be on their way in no time!

Fall is my favorite time of the year and I'm looking forward to all the fun classroom activities and memories that will be made with your little Owl. If you have not turned in your family picture for the wall in our classroom, you still have time! It is really nice to have all our families up on the tree!

Love, Ms. Carla

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families,

We've had such a busy start to the school year, and the fun isn't stopping anytime soon. The Cubs have been settling into their school routine, learning our class rules and they have enjoyed getting to know one another with our All About Me activities. We learned about fire safety and how to stay safe in class, walking in line and on the playground. It's not always perfect but we try our best to stay safe and healthy.

In the month of October, get ready for pumpkins, goblins and ghouls, one of my favorite months of the year! We'll be exploring different types of pumpkins and gourds, learning about tall Harvest and celebrating Halloween with fun sensory activities, art, and food projects.

I am also looking forward to our Smith Family Farm field trip on Oct. 6th! Please be sure to check your files for the field trip form, they are due back by Wednesday, October 4th.

Get ready for some ghoulish fun!

Love, Ms. May



Sea Turtle Times

Happy Fall!

This month we got into the rhythm of our class routines. The sea turtles mastered in a short time. I am proud Sea Turtles and they're amazing strives for potty training this month.

If you ask the sea turtles their favorite activity this month is singing a circle time, Wheels on the Bus. Second favorite activity was painting. The turtles love eating the apples from the garden when we enjoyed apple week.

This month it's all around pumpkins, orange, harvest and Halloween! We will be painting, cooking, making silly Halloween art, too. We will have a little display of different types, sizes and variety of pumpkins.

Hope to see you at the pumpkin patch on October 6 Smith's family Farm. Remember, the school is closed on October 9.

Have a great month! Ms. Kittie

Flamingo Fun



Hello Flamingo Families,

We have made it through our first official month in the classroom as Flamingos. We all seem to be adjusting well following our classroom routines and directions. In the month of September, we were able to learn more about each other. We talked about what to do in a fire emergency, how to be safe inside and outside the classroom and most importantly, to be kind to one another.

The theme for October is Fall Harvest so we will be learning about pumpkins, what is harvest and getting ready for one of my favorite holidays, Halloween! We have a couple events this month of October such as our field trip to Smith Family Farm, we're closed for indigenous day, and our Halloween festival at the end of the month.

A big thank you to those families who contributed towards our Amazon Wishlist, the kids love all the new toys and making good use of them. Please remember if you ever have any questions or concerns, please always feel free to speak to me.

I'm excited to enter this spooky month and make lots of fun memories!

Love, Ms. Miriam



Duckling Details

Hello Duckling families,

September was such a great month! We got to welcome in so many wonderful new friends to our classroom. It was really fun getting to know each other with learning everyone's name, our favorite colors, how tall we are and discussing who is in our family. We also had a lot of fun playing games that encouraged us to be really good listeners and to follow directions as we learned about school and fire safety.

We absolutely cannot wait to get started with what we've got planned for the month of October! Celebrating Fall and Halloween are among some of our most favorite things to do during the school year. We've got a lot of great activities ready for the coming month. We'll be starting the month out with pumpkin art and pumpkin sensory as a way to get us excited for our trip to the pumpkin patch. We have so many Halloween activities and crafts planned from witch brooms and hats, to mummy wrapping and spooky ghost art. Looking forward to enjoying the month of October with you.

Lots of love ~Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria

Oct Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Penne Past5a with Meat Sauce Peas Mandarins Milk	3 Mac and Cheese Corn Peaches Milk	4 Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad Pears Milk	5 Bean and Cheese Burrito Green Beans Pineapple Milk	Sack Lunch at Smith Family Farm	
	9 Center Closed for Indigenous People's Day	IO Chili Mac Mixed Veg Pineapple Milk	II Taco Salad Peas Mandarins Milk	I2 Sloppy Joes Corn Pears Milk	I3 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Fresh Veggies Applesauce Milk	
	I6 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Milk	17 Spanish Rice Peas Peaches Milk	18 Chili French Bread Pineapple Milk	19 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Mandarins Milk	20 Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	
	23 Beenie Weenies Cornbread Mixed Fruit Milk	24 Beef Tostadas Mandarins Milk	25 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Salad Applesauce Milk	26 Meatball Sliders Green Beans Pineapple Milk	27 Penne Pasta Corn Peaches Milk	
	30 Sloppy Joes Salad Pears Milk	Halloween Surprise!				



Oct. Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	2 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Fruit Cheese and Wheat Thins	3 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples Nilla Wafers and Bananas	French Toast Sticks and Apples Cheese Quesadillas	5 Yogurt and Pears Ritz Crackers, Almond Butter and Apples	6 Granola Bars and Pears Closed after Field Trip	
	9 Center Closed for Indigenous People's Day	IO French Toast Sticks and Pears Belvita and Oranges	II Cheesy English Muffins and Pears Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fruit Salsa	12 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Ham Rainbow Muffins and Mandarins	Nutra Grain Bars with Apples Veggie Sticks & Ritz Crackers	
	Waffles and Applesauce Blueberry Muffins and Pears	17 Biscuits and Apples Cheese Itz and Mandarins	I8 Cinnamon Toast and Milk Ritz Crackers and Cheese	19 Cheesy English Muffins Yogurt and Granola Bars	20 Granola Bar and Millk Pita Chips and Hummus	
	23 Biscuits with Jelly and Applesauce Granola Bar and Watermelon	24 Cheerios with Milk Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	25 Breakfast Bar and Oranges Cheese Zombies	26 Belvitas and Pears Yogurt with Fresh Berries	27 Bagels and Cream Cheese and Apples String Cheese and Pretzels	
	30 Pancakes and Applesauce Trail Mix and Bananas	Halloween Surprise!				